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### CPN Anderson family found WWII plane crash in South Pacific jungle

## Family completes mission to bring WWII Marine home

by TIM STANLEY, Tulsa World Staff Writer

Jutting upward out of the thick jungle brush, the gigantic propeller was the first thing that Citizen Potawatomi Nation member Craig Anderson and his companions saw. "The shivers just went all down my spine. I thought, 'We're here,'" Anderson said of the memorable moment, when he finally laid eyes on uncle Walter 'Dub' Vincent's long-lost B-25. The propeller's blades, rusting away on the remote South Pacific island where the plane had crashed, had not spun in years - but Anderson's spirits suddenly soared.

The end of his family's mission - to bring the late Vincent, a Marine second lieutenant who disappeared along with his plane and crewmates during World War II, home to Tulsa - was at last in sight. Vincent, 21, whose remains were recovered after the family expedition, was declared missing after his B-25 bomber went down on April 22, 1944. Later, Lt. Vincent, who was the plane's navigator-bombardier, and six crew members were declared dead.

On Saturday, May 5, 2012, Vincent's relatives, including Anderson and others who



*A U.S. Marines honor guard escorts Lt. Walter 'Dub' Vincent's remains to his final resting place at Memorial Cemetery in beautiful southeast Tulsa, Oklahoma on Saturday, May 5, 2012.*

made an expedition to the crash site in 2007, gathered at Memorial Park Cemetery in Tulsa for a graveside service, officially bringing the long family saga to an emotional close. A military flyover was conducted prior to the graveside service, with

the four planes in a missing man formation. About 30 family members and a few family friends, the majority of whom had never met Vincent, attended the private service.

Anderson's daughter and Vincent's great-niece, Brooke (Anderson) Desrochers, a lieutenant and naval flight officer, said she didn't learn about her great-uncle until joining the military. "When I joined the Navy, the first thing they gave me was his Purple Heart," Desrochers said. That's when she began hearing stories of her Uncle Dub.

### **An unfolding story**

Wondering for years what had happened to Vincent, his family wouldn't learn much more until 2005. Craig Anderson, an accountant who lives in Dallas with his wife, Kim, Vincent's niece, had begun assembling a packet on him for an upcoming fam-

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# Walking On

## Richard Vincent Johnson



Richard V. Johnson was born on December 15, 1922 in Tecumseh, Oklahoma, the son of David P. Johnson and Kate Fansler Johnson. He passed away on April 1, 2012 at the age of 89.

Mr. Johnson attended school in Oklahoma for two years before the family moved to Sanger, California in 1932. He attended Sanger Schools and graduated from Sanger High School in 1942, at which time he enlisted in the United States Army.

He served his entire 10½-year military career with the 17th Regiment, 7th Division. He fought in the Pacific Theater in Saipan and Okinawa and rose from private to Staff Sergeant in less than a year. He was the first American soldier to set foot in Korea at the end of WWII as part of the occupation force that accepted the surrender of Japanese occupation forces.

Twice, Sgt. Johnson was wounded in combat, and he was awarded a Bronze Star with V device and Oak Leaf Cluster for his actions and a Purple Heart. Upon returning stateside, he volunteered to be a military escort returning war dead to their hometowns on the West Coast for burial.

In 1947, he was married to Martha Jane Coats in Fresno, California, and in 1950 accepted an assignment as an ROTC instructor at the high school in Boise, Idaho. In 1952, he volunteered to return to a combat unit and received a direct appointment as a Second Lieutenant from President Truman. He attended Officers Training School at Fort Benning, Georgia. Shortly after returned to combat in the Korean Conflict, he was severely wounded while leading his company during the battle of Pork Chop Hill and spent time recuperating at a military hospital in Japan.

He awoke one day to find a General pinning a Purple Heart medal to his pillow. He stated, "With all due respect, Sir, I already have some of those." Upon his release from the hospital, he was told he could not return to combat, so he asked for a discharge. It was granted in 1953.

Upon returning home, Mr. Johnson attended Fresno City College while working nights as a lead man at North American Aviation at Hammer Field. Then, he worked for Ray B. Denham in Fresno as a cabinet maker. In 1958, he built the first suspension bridge over Dinkey Creek at the Camp El-O-Win Girl Scout Camp. He designed some of the first wooden cabinets for television sets, and installed some of the first microwave ovens in the Fresno area.

A short time later, he opened Dick's Cabinet Shop in Fowler and built many kitchens for homes throughout the state. During this time, he was also a Boy Scout leader and member of the Order of the Arrow in Sanger for 20 years.

In 1969, he was offered a position teaching MTDA classes in Fresno, working with students who were recently released from prison. He was very effective in his endeavor with them. As a lifelong champion of Native American Rights, he was appointed by then-Gov. Ronald Reagan to California's Native American Heritage Commission. He also served as the First Director of Central Valley Indian Health.

He also taught Vocational Carpentry at the old Washington Occupation Center in Fresno, and later was employed by Fresno Unified School District as Director, Title

IV, Indian Education. He was a longtime member of the California Indian Education Association.

Richard Johnson retired in 1987 and started another business, Frescargot Farms, where he raised edible snails for markets around the world. He published a training manual and video on raising snails. He spent time in Macedonia and the Ukraine, consulting with farmers on the raising of snails under a USDA exchange program. He retired again in 2004. In 2000 he was inducted into the Military Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City.

He was a proud member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation with headquarters in Shawnee, Oklahoma. His military experiences are included in the Stories of Service book series, and he has also written a book detailing the life of his father.

He is survived by Jane, his wife of 65 years; his sons and their wives, Michael and Linda Johnson of Montana and Mark and Rita Johnson of Prather, California; his daughters and their husbands, Jeanette and Thomas Patrick of Boston, Massachusetts, Beverly and Jack Russell of Los Osos, California, and Laura and Reed Harris of Nevada. He is also survived by his grandsons, Vince Johnson of Montana, Dylan Johnson

of Fresno, Paul and Patrick Harris of Fresno, and Rick Russell of Clovis, California; two great-grandsons, Riley and Zachery Russell of Clovis; his sister, Donice Kine of Oregon; and his brother, David of Auberry, California.

## Kay Frances Archer Elitzky

Kay Frances Archer Elitzky/(*Yabegon Quay*, Snow-Dreaming Woman, age 68, a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation who was living in Merritt Island, Florida, passed away on Sunday, March 25, 2012 in Rockledge, Florida from cancer.

Kay (*Yabegon Quay*) was born on May 17, 1943 in Enid, Oklahoma, the daughter of Yvonne Schoemann Archer and Eugene Archer, both of whom have preceded her in death. Kay is also a descendant of Principle Chief Anaquiba and Principle Chief Topinebee.

In 1961, she married Herman 'Red' Elitzky, who was in the Air Force and stationed in Texas. During their 50-and-one-half years of marriage, they moved overseas and in to various places in the United States.

They have two children, a son, Richard Elitzky and his son Scott, and a daughter,

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Tammy Clark and her husband David and their three children, Matthew, Amanda, and Jessica. There are also two great-grandchildren, Lily and Tristan.

Kay was the eldest of five children: a sister Sandra Longo and her husband Fred and their five children, Kent, Kirk, Keely, Kyle, and Kimberly and their spouses and children; a sister, Ann Kirk and her two children, son Todd and his wife and children and son Brian; a brother, Keith Archer and his wife Mary, and a brother Tim Archer and his children, daughter Kelly and son Scott. Mrs. Elitzky is also survived by many other great-nieces and -nephews.

She was a loving daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She had many, many friends who adored her. Kay had a very gentle spirit and loving heart; she was a beautiful lady. She loved to read, play Yahtzee, and spoil her two dogs, Honey and Cuddles.

Memorial services were held by Deacon Michael Murphy of St. Mary's Catholic Church on March 29, 2012 at Island Cremation and Funeral Home, Merritt Island, Florida. The family wishes to thank everyone for their prayers and love for their beloved Kay.

### **Cleda Magdalene (Rhodd) Curley**

Cleda Magdalene (Rhodd) Curley, age 92 and a resident of Maud, Oklahoma, passed away on Wednesday, April 11, 2012 at her home. Cleda was born on March 28, 1920 at Sacred Heart, the daughter of John Baptist Rhodd and Adeline (Thorpe) Rhodd. She graduated from Sacred Heart



Catholic School and later married Al Curley. She was a homemaker and a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

She is survived by one son, Albert Curley Jr. of Maud; one daughter, Phylliss Kuneman of Maud; two sisters, Eva Jordan of St. Louis, Oklahoma and Johnnie Mae Tallbear of Shawnee, Oklahoma; six grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

She was a niece of legendary Citizen Potawatomi/Sac & Fox athlete Jim Thorpe.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Adeline and John Baptist Rhodd; husband, Al Curley; daughter, Doneva Armstrong; brother, Frank Rhodd; four sisters, Edith Nave, Hazel Williamson, Viola Allen, and Charlotte Alderson; and one granddaughter, Janet Harmon.

A wake service was held at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 15, 2012 at Swearingen Funeral Home Chapel in Konawa, Oklahoma. A funeral Mass was held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, April 16, 2012 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church near Konawa. Fr. Adrian Vorderlandwehr, O.S.B. officiated. Pallbearer was Charlotte Shelley. Interment was in the Sacred Heart Church cemetery.

### **Bernece (Nadeau) Philley**

Bernece (Nadeau) Philley, 99, was born in Tribbey, Oklahoma in Pottawatomie County on May 31, 1912, the daughter of John J. and Grace Nadeau. She passed on on Monday, March 19, 2012 at noon with her daughter by her side.

Bernece is survived by her daughter, Bonnie Farrell; granddaughter, Rhonda Meyer; three great-grandchildren, Ricky, Courtney, and Kenny Meyer; two brothers, Ted Nadeau and Ray Nadeau; and one sister, Reba Faye Shewmaker.

Bernece was granted many good years on this Earth, and always enjoyed seeing and visiting with family members and friends. She worked until she was 72 years old then retired and had many pleasurable years with her husband, traveling in their motor home and attending many pow wows, which she greatly enjoyed! She was always very proud of her Citizen Potawatomi Indian heritage.

Bernece had a goal of living until she was 100 years old. But, for 73 days, she would have made it. Indeed, she came very close to her goal.

### **Marjorie Anna Carr**



**ADRIAN, Mich.** - Marjorie Anna Carr, age 75, passed away on Friday, April 20, 2012 at ProMedica Bixby Hospital. She was born on March 10, 1937 in Adrian, the daughter of Norbert and Mary Cecelia (Ford) Marquis. On May 5, 1962, she married James Carr. He preceded her in death on May 29, 1997.

Marjorie was a member of St. Mary of Good Council Parish and the Bixby Auxiliary. She loved to travel and was a proud member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

Marjorie is survived by her five children, Bill Carr and his wife Carrie of Toledo, Ohio, John Carr of Sylvania, Ohio, Cathy (Joel) Ingham and her husband Ingham of Ames, Iowa, Bob Carr of Sylvania, Ohio, and Rick Carr of Columbus, Ohio; her mother, Mary Cecelia Marquis of Adrian; one brother, Frank Marquis of Riverview, Florida; three sisters, Virginia McKown of Clayton, Michigan, Carolyn Simon of Metamora, Ohio, and Elaine Dennis of Adrian, Michigan; five grandchildren; one

great-grandchild; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her father and two brothers, her twin, Lawrence, who passed on at birth; and Phil Marquis.

The Funeral Liturgy for Marjorie was offered at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 24, 2012 at St. Mary of Good Council Parish with Father Bob Schramm presiding. Interment took place at 2:30 p.m. on April 24 in St. Joseph Cemetery in Sylvania, Ohio. Visitation was held on Monday, April 23 from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Anderson Funeral Home in Adrian, where a Vigil Prayer Service was held at 7:00 p.m. Visitation was held on Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. at St. Mary of Good Council Parish, where a family prayer service was held at 10:15 a.m.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.AndersonFuneralServices.com](http://www.AndersonFuneralServices.com).

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary of Good Council Parish. Envelopes are available at the Anderson Funeral Home.

### **Gerald Wayne Whitehead**

Gerald Wayne Whitehead/*Ogema Kkezo* passed away on Saturday, April 14, 2012 at his home on Bainbridge Island, Washington. He was born on November 25, 1950 in Seattle. He was 61 years of age.

Jerry was a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. He is survived by his wife Judy Whitehead of Bainbridge Island; children, Briana Whitehead of Bainbridge Island and Julie Kuehn and her husband Rich of Edmonds, Washington. He also leaves behind his granddaughters, Haylie and Natalie Kuehn of Edmonds and his sister Susan Vander Hoek and her husband John of Indianola, and her sons Peter and David.

Family and friends were respectfully invited to attend the Celebration of Life Service on Sunday, April 29, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. at the Suquamish Community House in Suquamish, Washington. Memorial contributions can be made to the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Scholarship Fund, for CPN members to receive undergraduate and graduate assistance. Send them to Greg Quinlan, Citizen Potawatomi Nation; 1601 S Gordon Cooper Dr.; Shawnee, OK 74801. Contributions can also be made to Demand Cures Today - The Gateway for Cancer Re-



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search: [www.DemandCuresToday.org/](http://www.DemandCuresToday.org/).

Please sign the online Guest Book at [www.CookFamilyFuneralHome.com](http://www.CookFamilyFuneralHome.com).

### Ophelia Alford

Ophelia Alford, 93, of Ennis, Texas, passed away at Ennis Care Center on March 21, 2012. She was born in Kemp, Texas on December 28, 1918, the daughter of Jim and Annie (Macon) Smith. She married Shelby Alford in 1938, and was a long-time member of Ennis Church of God.

Ophelia is survived by three daughters, Helen Perry and her husband Mike, Barbara Munn and her husband Bobby, and Marilyn Jones and her husband Ricky, all of Ennis; two sons, Jimmy Alford and his wife Edwinna of Fort Worth and Mike Alford of Ennis; 12 grandchildren, Barry Alford, Jana Songstad, Stacy Hejny, Dana Perry, Tammy Gish, Lisa Tittle, Paula Lipsey, Cindy Sanders, Jerrod Alford, Natalie Mikula, Amanda Mach, and Ricky Jones; 16 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and a sister, Eulalia Moseley.

Ophelia was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and two brothers, Buddy Smith and Leonard Smith.

The family received friends from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Friday, March 26, 2012 at Boze-Mitchell-McKibbin Funeral Home in Ennis. A funeral service was held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 24, 2012 at the Boze-Mitchell-McKibbin Funeral Home chapel, with the Rev. Glenn Hejny officiating.

Interment followed at Myrtle Cemetery.



Barry Alford, Jerrod Alford, Ricky Jones, Adam Hejny, Drew Tittle, and Conner Songstad served as pallbearers.

To view an obituary or sign the guest book, visit [www.BozemanMitchellMcKibbin.com](http://www.BozemanMitchellMcKibbin.com).

### Lola Mae (Curtis) Fronczak



Lola Fronczak, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, was called home to our Lord on Sunday, May 8, 2011 – Mother's Day. She was born on July 2, 1922 in Britton, Oklahoma and was a resident of Delhi, California for 62 years.

She owned Lola's Beauty Shop in Delhi for a few years, until she sold the business and purchased the Economy Market with her husband, Ted. Ted and Lola went on to run the Market for 30 years. Lola maintained her cosmetology license until 1993,

well over 50 years, when she finally decided to retire, and did not renew it again.

She spent the last several decades farming, gardening, camping, fishing, and providing a loving home for family members and friends at her and Ted's grape vineyard in Delhi. Many a friend and family member enjoyed the pleasure of long conversations with Lola on the patio while looking over finely manicured grape vines in the evening.

Lola Fronczak is survived by her two daughters, Clarann Fronczak and Lisa Fronczak, both of Delhi; her sister, Evelyn Clevenger of Sacramento; three grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by Ted, her loving husband of 59 years; her mother, Clara Martha (Nearn) Curtis; her father, John L. Curtis; her sisters, Margarette Sebeck and Nadine Haley; her brothers, Leonard 'Joe' Curtis and Harvey Curtis; her son Curtis 'Pete' Fronczak; and her granddaughter, Clarissa Tanner.

Lola's great-grandfather was Anthony Tescier and her great-grandmother was Clarissa Greemore. Her grandmother was Catherine Mae 'Katie' Tescier Nearn Pitts. They were all Citizen Potawatomis.

### Lewis Glen Fox



Lewis Glen Fox, age 61 of Goldsby, Oklahoma passed away on Sunday, May 20, 2012. Mr. Fox was born on August 27, 1950 in Purcell, Oklahoma, the son of Haskell Fox and Reba Mae (Beaubien) Fox.

He was raised in Purcell and attended Purcell Schools, graduating in 1969.

He joined the United States Navy, and served his country proudly in the Vietnam War. During that time, he served on the USS Kitty Hawk Aircraft Carrier for two tours. He returned home and began a career with the Santa Fe Railroad, retiring as a construction foreman in 1996.

Glen married Candice Dugan and to this union, a son, Justin, and a daughter, Allison, were born. They made their home in Hutchinson, Kansas for a while, eventually moving back to Oklahoma and settling in Goldsby. Glen was an avid OU sports fan, and was especially proud that his son graduated from there and that his daughter is currently attending the University.

Glen was very proud of his Native American heritage and especially proud to be Citizen Potawatomi.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Haskell and Reba Fox; two sisters, Frances Carter and Brenda Key Fox; his brother, Darrell Fox; and his brother-in-law, Carl Martin.

Glen leaves behind his son, Justin Fox of San Diego, California; his daughter, Allison Fox of Norman; two brothers, Butch Fox and his wife Pat of Purcell and Jerry Fox and his wife Bobbie of Purcell; two sisters, Dorothy Martin of Purcell and Mary Moss of Purcell; and many other loving family and friends.

Funeral Services were held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 30, 2012, at the Wilson-Little Funeral Home Chapel in Purcell. Arrangements were handled by Wilson-Little of Purcell.

### Robert Slavin



Robert Slavin, second from left, posed with sons, from left, Ronald Slavin, Robert D. Slavin, and Clyde B. Slavin at his 92nd birthday celebration in Shawnee, Oklahoma.

Robert Slavin, 93, walked on on May 22, 2012 in Shawnee. Mr. Slavin was born on May 28, 1918. He walked on just six days



before his 94th birthday. His family will host a celebration of Robert Slavin's life at the historic Quaker Church near the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Health Clinic at 12:00 noon on Sunday, July 1, 2012, during Family Reunion Festival.

A fuller tribute to Mr. Slavin's life will appear in the next edition of the *HowNiKan*.

### Teresa (Slavin) Reed



*Teresa Reed and her great-niece, Sister Virginia Pearl, talk during a 108th birthday party for Ms. Reed in November 2011 in Wheeler, Texas.*

Teresa (Slavin) Humphreys Reed, 109, was the oldest living Citizen Potawatomi Nation member upon her passing on May 16, 2012. She was born on December 6, 1902.

A graveside service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 20, 2012 in Wheeler Cemetery, with the Rev. Erron Mercer, pastor, officiating.

Mrs. Reed was born in Wanette, Oklahoma, the daughter of James Slavin and Eva (Dragoo) Slavin. She moved to Pampa in 1930 and later to Wheeler. She was a long-time teacher. Mrs. Humphreys was a member of First Christian Church in Pampa.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Carmen Howard.

A fuller tribute to Teresa Clara (Slavin) Humphreys Reed's amazing life will be featured in the next edition of the *HowNiKan*.

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### *PLPer of 2010 was brilliant, caring, funny*

## Zach Brunt's passing leaves gaping hole with family, Yale schoolmates

*from the Yale Daily News*

The Yale University community came together on Thursday, April 18, 2012 to commemorate the life of Zachary Brunt ('15), a student who shone as a musician and a scientist, and who engaged all kinds of people. The grief that gripped the Yale campus after students and faculty learned of Brunt's death on Wednesday, April 17 was apparent at a candlelit vigil in the Davenport College courtyard the next evening.

Brunt was a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's Potawatomi Leadership Program, Class of 2010.

Davenport Master Richard Schottenfeld ('71 MED '76), Dean Ryan Brasseaux (GRD '11) and Brunt's family and friends described Brunt as a student who was committed to the communities and friends that shaped him. His death, Schottenfeld said, reminds the Yale community that "we don't live in a perfect world."

"Zach Brunt was such a vibrant, visible part of the Davenport-Yale community," Schottenfeld said. "It's just not possible yet to comprehend fully and believe that we won't see him again tomorrow or soon."

Brunt was found dead in a physics lab on the sixth floor of Josiah Willard Gibbs Laboratories Wednesday afternoon. His body was taken for an autopsy at the state medical examiner's office, which said Thursday afternoon that Brunt died by "asphyxia due to exclusion of oxygen."

After Schottenfeld opened the vigil, Native American Cultural Center Director Ted Van Alst spoke about Brunt's involvement at the center, as he was a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. Students then listened as a Mohegan elder sang a traditional Native American prayer song.

Brasseaux said Brunt possessed a "kind of social intelligence that is rare" and an energetic character that extended far beyond his long, curly hair and love of vibrant, neon-colored clothing. "He had a personality that outshone his orange," Brasseaux said.

Davenport student Fabian Fernandez ('15), speaking on behalf of Brunt's friends, said they were grateful for the time they were able to spend with him. Brunt was always willing to talk, even when busy with academics and extracurriculars, Fernandez said, and now his friends will have to take



*Zach Brunt and PLP Class of 2010 members posed for a photography shoot. From left, back row, the PLPers are Zach Brunt, Andrew Adamietz, and Jacob Johnson. Seated are Jessica Clark, Jordan Moss, Malia Macon, and Paige Willett.*

on that role for each other.

### Commemoration at Jefferson

While the Yale community waited for the sun to set before holding a vigil, students at Brunt's alma mater, Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology in Alexandria, Virginia, commemorated his life earlier on Thursday. More than 150 of his former peers gathered around a flagpole outside the school in the middle of the day, dressed in bright orange and neon colors. Jennifer Seavey, who teaches English and journalism at Jefferson, said the school has rallied in response to the tragedy. Calling Brunt a "Renaissance man," Seavey described him as an insightful and creative presence in her classroom, who was loved by his peers.

Timothy Tran, a freshman at Princeton who competed with Brunt on the track and cross country teams at Jefferson, said the news came as a "shock." He said that he considered Zach Brunt one of the happiest people he knew. Both Tran and Jeff James, head coach of the track and cross country teams, said Brunt always made a particular effort to reach out to younger students at the school.

### Support Services

In the wake of Brunt's death, Yale College Dean Mary Miller highlighted the sup-

port services available to members of the Yale community. Yale Mental Health & Counseling employs 25 clinicians, psychiatrists, psychologists and social workers, with at least one on call 24 hours a day, while the Chaplain's Office on Old Campus is open for emotional and spiritual support.

"Freshman counselors have been asked to check in with freshmen, and residential college deans and masters are all working to connect with any members of their communities who may be under particular stress or strain," Miller said in a Thursday email to the News.

University Chaplain Sharon Kugler said in an e-mail that she and her staff are available to "offer comfort and a safe place to unburden in the midst of such sorrow, shock, confusion, and deep, deep sadness." She said there is "no one way, or right way" to feel in such a situation, but the most important thing to do is to reach out to others and "remember that there are caring people all around."

"We are all broken by this sudden loss of Zach in profound and awful ways," she said. "We need to come together to guide one another through this terrible time."

Yale Mental Health chief psychiatrist

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CPN member brings memories from Kenya sojourn

# Langston learns important lessons from food-sharing

*(Editor's note: In July and August 2011, Citizen Potawatomi Nation member Mickki Langston of the Denver, Colorado area spent three very meaningful weeks in Kenya, on the African continent. Langston was part of BoldLeaders' BoldFood exchange. BoldLeaders is a coalition of community organizations, businesses, universities, and political leaders. The organization provides programming and Fellowship opportunities to facilitate a two-way exchange between the African countries and the U.S. to improve food security. Langston, who founded the Mile High Business Alliance in the Denver area, offered this first-hand account of the important lessons she brought back to her everyday life.)*

"Take, eat!"

How many times in a day is this phrase repeated? If we're a part of the mostly northern, post-industrial part of the globe, the answer is probably, "As many as we want." But for roughly a third of Kenya's population, the regularity of food is extremely uncertain. Despite the growing food insecurity in Kenya, the three weeks I spent there were marked by three recurring elements: dust, people, and food. Lots and lots of food.

For three weeks, I traveled from house to house, village to village, meeting local farmers who have begun to raise maize, kale, beans, and livestock - including chickens, goats, cattle, and rabbits. What made these farmers so unique was where they raised food - inside Nairobi and the surrounding peri-urban villages, including Utawala, where I stayed with my host family Esther and James Maina.

Esther raises rabbits, chickens, and a few goats on her small plot of land outside Nairobi. She composts her food waste, uses mulch to build and protect the soil, and manages to feed her household while serving as director of Upenda Women Group. UWG is a 15-woman, non-profit lending circle with various projects to empower their members, such as fireless cookers and farming. Most of my time in Kenya was spent with Esther and her family. Despite her many responsibilities (being a mother of five, a farmer, and a community leader), Esther poured tons of time and energy into



*Above, a Maasai boy tries on CPN member Mickki Langston's headlamp in the Great Rift Valley, Kenya. Above right, Mickki Langston and Esther Maina share a light-hearted moment while enjoying Maasai barbecue.*



show up with food or we'll get a little bit of money. It's why I farm, and teach farmers, so they can better feed their families."

"We eat when we can eat." This phrase strikes me even now, after throwing out at least two pounds of rotting food from my own refrigerator. The beauty of my experience wasn't so much in the food itself (the travel books are quite accurate about the flavor of Kenyan cuisine), but about how the sharing of food knits together the community.

## Sharing is Community

Taking tea or a meal together bonded us together. And Kenyans, whether they realized it or not, judged the Americans by how we ate. "You're one of us now!" was said as I ripped every last bit of flesh from a chicken bone, unabashed, and scooped up irio with my fingers. Kenyans took photos of me as I ate roasted goat leg at a Maasai restaurant. I didn't realize how striking this must have been until I went on Safari with dozens of white tourists who seemed afraid to eat any of the food on their plate except pasta.

I think a lot about "community," and what makes it. How do we experience feeling connected in a meaningful way? What are the actions we take, and how do we do that with people we may not yet know and trust?

At some point, my Kenyan hosts were calling me "daughter" and "sister," and I realized how inauthentic that sentiment would seem back home, in such a short amount of time. I don't know their political affiliations, we don't share religious beliefs, and I will never know what it means to have always lived without running water, indoor toilets and a refrigerator. None of this seemed to matter, though. I was so completely welcomed into their homes and

making my stay comfortable. There is much I can say about my experience, but I'm going to focus on food, and how it connected me to a community.

## Food as Ritual

Arriving in Kenya and being thrown head-long into a huge community of excited and energetic Kenyans was overwhelming, to say the least. From day one, the US fellows were bathed in friendship and the bounty of our colleagues' farms. Despite the hectic pace set by too-many-things-to-see, a predicable formula emerged quickly.

Each day included extensive travel, although we didn't travel very far. It was mostly by foot and matatu (tiny buses crammed full of people, pumping loud music and crawling/speeding along any space, road or not, that might get us from point A to B). The travel was always exhausting.

At every new place we visited, the rituals consisted of introductions (often long-winded and not often varied), followed by taking some kind of food. The wealth of the host dictated what kind (and how much) food we were served, but tea was ubiquitous, and strangely enough, the only time I ate sugar.

This very basic set of rituals was at first exasperating. "I can't eat more food!" was

a common refrain. It wasn't until the fourth or fifth day that I truly began appreciating the richness of this community that so quickly took me under their wings.

I come from a working-class family, and by US standards, I'm not wealthy. But the gap between my means and the means of my hosts and colleagues was enormous. "Tell me about America!" was a common request of young people, who admired my small bits of technology. One friend wore my headlamp all day as we walked from house to house, calling it a very clever bit of "fashion."

My program stipend was equal to what most Kenyan's make in a year. It's not that Kenyans aren't exposed to materialism, but the sheer number of objects which are considered "normal" and "basic" to Americans are ridiculous compared to the material goods of most of the people with whom I spent time.

At one point, I asked Esther why Kenyans eat so much food. (I was endlessly handed heaping portions of whatever was available, and scolded when I served myself small portions. "That's not food!" being my favorite reprimand). She responded, "We eat when we can eat. There have been times I've gone to sleep not knowing how I will feed my family the next day. But God always provides, and so a neighbor will



## Governor Fallin Signs Bill to Help Veterans Translate Military Experience into Academic Credits



*Gov. Mary Fallin, left, signed legislation that will allow recent Oklahoma veterans to translate military experience and education into credits at Oklahoma colleges, universities, and technology centers. Oklahoma Secretary of Veterans Affairs Rita Aragon, right, praised the new law as a way to help veterans returning from service to more easily transition into civilian life.*



**OKLAHOMA CITY** – Oklahoma Gov. Mary Fallin has signed into law SB 1863, a bill that will help veterans translate their military experience and skills into academic credits and credit for workforce training. “We owe our gratitude to the men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces for their service and sacrifice. The men and women in our military, as well as all of our veterans, possess some of the most unique skill sets in the world,” Fallin said. “The Post-Military Service Occupation, Education, and Credentialing Act will give veterans credit for the experience they gained in service of the country and provide them the help they deserve to find jobs and re-enter the workforce once their service is complete.”

SB 1863 would allow Oklahoma colleges, universities, and technology centers to provide academic credit to a military veteran who was honorably discharged in the previous three years for any applicable education, training, and experience received through military duty. That education, training, and/or experience pertain to the veteran’s area of study.

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Governing boards of the universities, colleges, and technology centers must adopt policies for military academic credit by January 1, 2013, and courses must meet the standards of the American Council on Education, or equivalent standards.

Secretary of Veterans Affairs Rita Aragon praised the bill as a way to help support veterans returning from active duty overseas. Our military service men and women deserve our support in honor of their service to our nation,” Aragon said. “This program will allow veterans to transform their unique military skills and training into academic credit and real-world certification.”

The Post-Military Service Occupation, Education, and Credentialing Act was sponsored by retired Army Lt. Colonel Sen. Steve Russell and Rep. Ann Coody. “I want to thank Sen. Russell and Rep. Coody, the bill’s sponsors, as well as the entire Legislature for their commitment to helping our nation’s military veterans,” Fallin said.

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## New Name - Grand Casino!



*An architect’s rendering provides a look at what the Grand Hotel and newly-renamed Grand Casino & Resort will look like when the hotel is completed in 2012.*

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation has announced that it will change the name of FireLake Grand Casino to Grand Casino. As the CPN enterprises expand and develop, a name change was in order to distinguish among the original FireLake Casino in south Shawnee, the other FireLake businesses, and FireLake Grand Casino on I-40 at Exit 178 in Shawnee.

“We are excited about the growth of the CPN properties,” said Steve Degrafenreid, General Manager of the Grand Casino Resort. “Although the casino will be branded with a new name, our guests will still receive the same great service that they have enjoyed since we opened in 2006. We invite you to come out and see all of the exciting changes taking place.”

Construction continues on the Grand Hotel & Resort which will feature a fourteen-story guestroom tower with 262 suites. Sporting the same architectural style as the casino, the hotel will feature a Frank Lloyd Wright-influenced design. The expansion also brings in a new entertainment theater which will seat more than 2,500 spectators. With meeting rooms, a spa, a fitness center, an outdoor pool, and an expanded entertainment area, the all-new Grand Casino Resort will be an asset to loyal guests as well as tourists traveling through Oklahoma.

The FireLake enterprises located at Hardesty Road and Gordon Cooper Drive in Shawnee include the recently finished

FireLake Bowling Center, The Ball Fields at FireLake, and the Arena at FireLake. That area also houses the original FireLake Casino, FireLake Discount Foods, FireLake Convenience Store, FireLake Golf Course, FireLake Mini-Putt, an RV and campground area, the CPN Cultural Heritage Center, and the Citizen Potawatomi Nation’s tribal headquarters.

The changes at the Citizen Potawatomi Nation are exciting and plans for more improvements are in the works. Tribal officials invite everyone to “stop by and catch the excitement at the Grand Casino or any of the great FireLake Enterprises.”

Presented with pride by the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, the Grand Casino Resort features more than 1,800 Vegas-style games in the beautiful 125,000-square-foot facility, from the hottest slot machines to some 100 table games.

Six percent of the Grand’s net gaming revenue goes to support the state’s public education from the games designated “Class 3, Oklahoma Compact.” Dining options range from sizzling steaks at Embers Steakhouse to the exciting Grandstand Sports Grille and The Grand Buffet. Construction is well underway for the new Grand Hotel & Resort which will feature 262 luxurious suites and a new 2,500 seat theater. These new amenities are set to open in early 2013. The Grand Casino is conveniently located just east of Oklahoma City on Interstate 40 at Exit 178 in Shawnee.



CPN Olympian was inspired by Jim Thorpe

## Olympian Mary Killman to represent two Nations: USA & CPN

(CNN) - A century after her childhood inspiration Jim Thorpe won two gold medals at the Stockholm Olympics, synchronized swimmer Mary Killman will be competing in her first Games in London this year. Like the legendary athlete, Killman comes from a Native American background in Oklahoma. She is a registered member of Citizen Potawatomi Nation (CPN).

Thorpe, who was a member of the Sac and Fox Nation and was also Citizen Potawatomi, was spoken of in hushed tones by Killman's elders. "I'm very proud of my background," Killman told CNN. Her tribe are proud of her as well, regularly highlighting her achievements in their publications.

In her first solo synchronized swimming competition in 2003, Killman's routine was set to North American flute music and she wore a decoration of the CPN seal on her hip. While growing up, she visited the house where Thorpe had lived, and he was the subject of one of her school projects.

Thorpe was one of the greatest all-round athletes in sporting history, playing professional American football, baseball, and basketball as well as recording his track and field exploits. He won gold in the pentathlon and decathlon at the 1912 Olympics. He was controversially stripped of his Olympic medals when it was discovered he had earned a few dollars while playing semi-professional baseball, but the International Olympic Committee restored them in 1983, 30 years after he died.

### Effortless performance

While she has a long way to go to match Thorpe's Olympic achievements, Killman is already making her name in a sport in which the required elegance and good timing in the pool are forged by a grueling training regime of up to 60 hours per week. All the work in the water paid off when she and duet partner Mariya Koroleva qualified for the 2012 London Olympics earlier this year. A seventh-place finish at the Olympic qualification event at the Aquatic Center in London served notice of their potential and sealed a place in the Games proper.

At just 21, Killman will be the youngest member of the United States team and will be gaining valuable experience. Denise Shiveley, the national team manager for the



*Mary Killman, at left in the photo at left, and Mariya Koroleva have been performing together since last year. Killman will be the youngest member of the U.S. synchronized swimming team at the London 2012 Olympics.*

squad, has high hopes for Killman and Koroleva, who has taken a break from her studies at Stanford University to concentrate on the Olympics. They formed their partnership only last year and soon won the silver medal at the Pan-American Games behind Canada. "They are both so young but their goal will be continue to improve and to keep getting better," Shiveley said.

### Early years

Killman was already a competitive swimmer in Texas when she was first introduced to synchro, aged 11. "One of my friends invited me over to a summer program that she had got involved with and I absolutely fell in love with it," she said. "The combination of music and athletics was amazing. It was something I felt I could do for a long time."

Showing early talent, Killman has made steady improvement each year, winning a clutch of junior and age group national titles, competing in both the solo discipline and duets.

Her first team was Pirouettes of Texas, where she was inspired to greater things by the exploits of Sarah Lowe, who represented the United States at the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens. "I also looked up a lot to Ana Kozlova, a three-time Olympian, who won bronze in the duet in Athens," said Killman, who now competes for the Santa Clara club in California.

### Grueling regime

To reach that medal-winning standard at major games, Killman knows that many hours of training are required both in the pool and the gym. "I train between eight and 10 hours per day," she said.

Two three-to-four-hour sessions in the pool are interspersed with a weight-training program that lasts about an hour. It's mentally difficult just to push yourself that hard



every day. A lot of people don't realize just how difficult it is. This schedule is repeated six days a week, and absolute dedication is required.

"It's mentally difficult just to push yourself that hard every day. A lot of people don't realize just how difficult it is," she admitted.

### MK squared

All that hard work has started to pay off, particularly since she formed her partnership with Koroleva last year. At 22, Koroleva is slightly older but they had known each other after competing for several years at the same events, and they have formed a strong friendship. "She's like a sister to me," said Killman. "We have to think the same, we have to hear music the same, and we have to go to practice every day and spend eight to 10 hours in the water with just each other."

Fellow U.S. squad team members have coined a nickname for the pair: "MK Squared" as they share the same initials and have the same tastes.

### Olympic dreams

The duo will go into their first Games without the pressure of medal expectation in a sport currently dominated by Russia, China, and Spain. But Killman is certainly not writing off their chances of causing an upset. "There's always that chance that if we push ourselves hard maybe, just maybe, we can reach the podium," she said.

"This is it, this is what we've been working for. We really want to go out and show what we can do."

With synchronized swimmers reaching their peak from their mid-20s onwards, another Olympics trip, to Rio de Janeiro in 2016, remains a long-term target for Killman.

## Talent Abounds at Cultural Heritage Center



*Coby Lehman*

*Photo by Sharon Hoogstraten*

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Cultural Heritage Center is a popular tourist attraction for visitors and tribal members from around the world. Patrons come to the CHC to learn more about Potawatomi history and culture through our informative museum exhibits as well as our genealogical and library references. But, the experiences we have to offer at the CHC are not limited to the inanimate. The combined experience and knowledge of our employees is a vital resource we are privileged to house at the Cultural Heritage Center.

Visitors to the CHC in the last year have seen the results of CPN tribal member Penny Coates' impressive abilities for painting and landscape design. Her murals grace the pillars in the center of the museum floor, as well as along the east and south walls. and she created the life-like ground cover around the central village exhibit. Penny is able to capture the genuine look and feel of the flora and fauna of the forests that our ancestors called home for centuries.

Ardena O'Neal, a member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribe of Oklahoma, also shares her talents with visitors. Ardena has been beading for about 10 years. She works with her husband Kelly to bead regalia for their two daughters and other

*See CHC TALENT on page 17*



### Alice Greenwalt taught Sunday School for 75 years CPN member honored by Tecumseh First Baptist

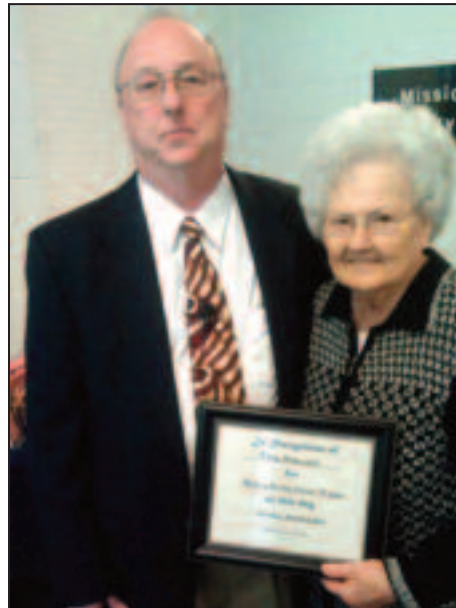
Citizen Potawatomi Nation member Alice Greenwalt, now a resident of the Nation's Father Joe Murphy housing complex, has been recognized by the Tecumseh, Oklahoma First Baptist church for 75 years of teaching Sunday School classes. Ms. Greenwalt will be 89 years old this year, and she began teaching little children when she was just 13 years old.

She taught the classes for Beginners (the designation for three- and four-year-olds in Southern Baptist churches back then), and then began teaching in the Primary department (five- and six-year-olds).

Later, she taught in the youth and adult departments. Recently, she was lead teacher for the Adult Women/Senior Adults in her home church in Tecumseh.

More recently, Ms. Greenwalt retired from full-time teaching in the Bible study Sunday School class at the First Baptist Church of Tecumseh, stepping down to become the substitute/assistant teacher at this time in her life.

On Sunday, March 4, 2012 the pastor, Tony Peak, stopped in the middle of his sermon, stepped down from the pulpit, and presented Ms. Greenwalt a certificate, honoring her for those 75 years of dedication to teaching Sunday School classes.



*CPN member Alice Greenwalt is honored by Tecumseh First Baptist Church pastor the Rev. Tony Peak for 75 years of Sunday School teaching.*

Alice Greenwalt's full story of 75 years of service, what her Citizen Potawatomi Nation membership and heritage have meant to her life, her missionary service in Germany in the 1980s, and much more will be chronicled in the next edition of the *HowNiKan*.



## The Citizen Potawatomi Nation

**The CPN Tag Agency is now open for CPN members' convenience at its new location at:**

**1305 S. Beard, Shawnee, OK 74801**

**New Phone Number: (405) 273-1009**

**Toll Free Number: (800) 880-9880**

The Tag agency is now registering RVs and providing license plates for CPN members who live in Oklahoma. And, the Tag agency will be open 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 30, during Family Reunion Festival. Please call before visiting to ensure you have all the required documents.

### Langston Visits Kenya, con't. from page 6



*CPN Member Mickki Langston shares fresh fruit with a group of Kenyan women during her BoldFood fellowship in Africa.*

hearts. And food...the sharing of, talking about, and learning from food itself, was the common element.

Food is the source of life, and the sharing of it the language of community.

The sheer pleasure of a group of people preparing a large meal to be shared altogether; how many times do Americans get to participate in that? Perhaps that's one of the reasons we treasure holidays like Thanksgiving. As vestiges of our more communal lifestyles, they remind us, even in modern life, what it means to be a part of a group of people.

I'm not an expert on food insecurity or Kenyan economics. I do know, however, that the difference between someone with food and someone without in Kenya is their distance to a farmer. The Kenyan economy hasn't been completely overtaken by Western-style capitalism, and gifting is still strong. This is another important lesson: it does not take having a lot to be able to share with others. While we still have folklore with sharing as its moral, most of us don't really believe it to be true.

I went to Kenya to experience another sort of community. I also went to share what I know, but I'm not sure how much I know that they didn't already. Sure, I can

make spreadsheets to calculate expected revenue for my projects, and I can use basic HTML to edit a web site. But that knowledge meant nothing in the context of this community. Can I share? Can I laugh? Can I communicate what matters to me? Can I show respect for elders, care for little people, and be grateful? These things are so basic, but overshadowed in our culture by whether we have the newest fashion, fastest gadgets, or a growing 401(k) account. Even if we shun materialism, these bits of community capacities are overshadowed by our fears for the environment, our dissatisfaction with politics, and our busyness with too many things to do.

Being in Kenya let me be a person, with people, accepted simply because I was a part of their community. Because I cared about food, and shared it willingly, I became their friend. There were no explanations for how completely I was loved, and that was the most unexpected thing of all.

These are the gifts I carry back with me: the privilege of being shared with, so wholly, without the distance of pretense or the burden of obligation; and the practice of "eating when we can eat," of being together and sharing what we have; there's nothing else more fundamental to being human.

## CPN Family Reunion Festival

June 29 & 30 and July 1, 2012

**The Honored Families for the 2012 Family Reunion Festival will be the Anderson, Beaubien, Bertrand, Bourbonnais, Ogee, Pettifer, Toupin, Wano, and Yott families.**



# Legislative Columns

## District #1 - Roy Slavin

Bozho, Nikan,

My wife Julia and I had the good fortune to be invited to Washington, D.C. as a guest of District #2 Rep. Eva Marie Carney for a trip to the Smithsonian Native American Museum, where we were treated to a display of Potawatomi artifacts. There were many beautiful examples of Potawatomi beadwork, clothing, weapons, etc.

Perhaps the most impressive display was one complete wall, the length of the building and from floor to very high ceiling. It was covered with various types of canoes.

The Potawatomi were master builders of framed-up bark canoes and dugouts and great navigators. This gave them a distinct advantage over other tribes of the area. Canoe technology, important for local and long-distance trade and transportation, made significant contributions to tribal fortunes. As the Potawatomi increased in numbers and rose in influence in their settlements, they gained substantial control over the major avenues of water transportation in the entire area.

I think what impressed me the most was the workmanship of the various types of canoes. Having built a racing runabout and a racing hydroplane, I know something about what it takes to build something that will hang together and keep you safe in the water. I had every tool imaginable to build my boats. Our ancestors couldn't have had more than a hatchet, knife, and fire. Yet, they built beautiful, functional canoes.

Julia, who is a seamstress, was equally impressed with the clothing on display. I



have attached a picture of an item of ladies' clothing made of deer hide. There were many such items on display, both of deer hide and cloth.

Thank you, Eva Marie and Alan, for your wonderful hospitality and for sharing this great trip with us.

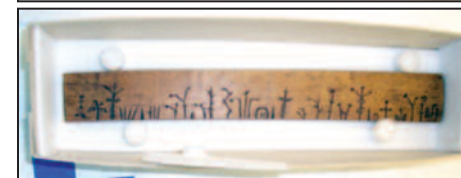
During the recent outbreak of tornadoes in my district, I attempted to contact members who might have been affected. If you were not contacted, it is because I do not have your contact information. PLEASE! It is important that I know who all my District #1 members are and where they live. Due to privacy issues, the tribal administration is not allowed to give me that information. If you share it with me, your information will not be given out, sold, or distributed in any way.

Roy Slavin

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At bottom left, Districts #1 and #2 CPN members who visited the National Museum of the American Indian archives pose outside the facility. They viewed these historic Potawatomi artifacts and many, many more during their visit, arranged by District #2 Rep. Eva Marie Carney and District #1 Rep. Roy Slavin.

## District #2 - Eva Marie Carney

Bozho/Hello,

**Devine Naming.** Being in the Washington, D.C. area gives me the chance to meet up with Potawatomis who are passing through for work, vacation, medical visits, etc. As one example, recently, I had the honor of hosting the Pittman-Devine (Nadeau/Vieux) families at our home here, and of naming Potawatomis Samantha Pittman Devine (*Senajewen*) and Annaleah Pearl Devine (Samantha's and Danny's two-and-one-half-year-old daughter) (*Gig-okwe*). Their sponsors, Annabelle Pittman (Samantha's mother and Annaleah's grandmother, up from Florida) and Danny Devine, husband and father to Samantha and Annaleah, stood up for them.

The family was in the area briefly while Samantha's husband Danny is visiting Walter Reed Hospital after two tours in Afghanistan for which he has been awarded the Purple Heart. They will all soon return to Sicily, so this naming is in lieu of the Family Reunion Festival naming we would otherwise have planned.

**Remembering Zach Brunt.** This weekend, I also had the honor of attending the uplifting memorial event for young Potawatomi Zach Brunt, from Alexandria, Virginia, who has walked on. Many remember Zach for his crazy blonde hair, keen intelligence, and ebullient spirit, which he shared with the Nation in Shawnee during his time as a 2010 Potawatomi Leadership Student.

I was so proud that Zach was selected from District #2 for the Leadership Program, and so



impressed with him and the other PLP students, including CPN member Andrew Adamietz from Scranton, Pennsylvania. Andrew and Zach roomed together during their time as PLPs in Shawnee and became close friends, Andrew travelled from Penn State University to be with Zach's friends and family for the service.

Andrew spoke during the service, and did a wonderful job conveying these young Potawatomis' love for the Nation and joy in connecting up with other PLP students and everyone in Shawnee. His message that we must make





sure to express our love for each other and not take anything or anything for granted resonated with me. Please keep Zach and his parents, Charlie Brunt and Wendi Eldh; his brother Tom; and his huge network of friends, including his Yale Class of 2015, in your thoughts and prayers.

#### **Migwetch to District #2's Spring Intern.**

For the last few months, University of San Francisco senior Colby Payne has been serving as an intern in the District #2 office. Colby has diligently updated the information regarding Indian Health Service-funded facilities. Her help has been invaluable, and it was great sharing information with such an interested audience about our tribal government and services and Potawatomi history. The internship closed out Colby's studies toward her B.A. in Politics. A photo of the two of us at a dinner hosted by the University of San Francisco is at the bottom of the column – Migwetch, Colby!

**E-Versions of Museum Collection of Potawatomi Objects and Photographs Available.** District #2 recently had the thrill of a third trip to the National Museum of the American Indian Archives in Suitland, Maryland. Two dozen of us visited with more than 40 of our Potawatomi items, along with the NMAI's collection of Potawatomi photographs.

CPN Cultural Heritage Center Director Kelli Mosteller and CPN Archivist Blake Norton joined us in Suitland, after helping me select the items from the Archives' collection lists that we saw on this visit. The Archives staff also permitted us to explore the various Archives stacks.

New York, Pennsylvania, Delaware, North Carolina, Maryland, the District of Columbia, Virginia, Chicago (CPN and professional photographer Sharon Hoogstraten), and Missouri (Rep. Roy Slavin and his wife Julia) all were represented.

We started the afternoon with a meal together at a local restaurant and a short briefing from Kelli Mosteller on the week she and Blake week spent in the National Archives in downtown Washington, D.C. identifying and scanning for the Heritage Center historical documents in the Archives' collection (including 1800s U.S. citizenship documents for some of our ancestors!).

There are several sets of photos under the Photos tab on my website that will give you your own armchair/computer tour. Sharon Hoogstraten had the opportunity to spend several days with the Suitland Potawatomi collection before meeting up with us there, and took beautiful photographs of what she viewed. If you are interested in a file with those photographs,



please contact me at my details below and I will forward it on to you electronically.

I am looking forward to seeing the fruits of Kelli's, Blake's, and Sharon's efforts on display in our Heritage Center and on the Heritage Center's new website (<http://www.potawatomiheritage.org/>).

#### **Other Items.** Other items to note:

- I just got in the mail the new CD put out by District #2's talented David Thomasson & his fellow artist Jackie Blessingame, titled "Walk On." I understand it might be available for purchase in the Heritage Center's Gift Shop during the Family Festival Weekend. It also can be found on cdbaby.com.

- Please see the winning photos in the latest District #2 photo contest. Information about the folks who submitted them and the folks shown in the photos is on page 19 of this *HowNiKan* edition.

- On the Legislative front, we will meet again on the last Thursday in May. There won't be a live feed of the meeting, but you can view a video of it archived on the [potawatomi.org](http://potawatomi.org) website (click on Government, then on Legislature), along with copies of the agenda and resolutions considered. All that information with respect to our February meeting is available online now.

- Please complete and return your absentee ballot and then please vote in our June election. If you cannot find your tribal roll number, Tribal Rolls is available to help at 405.878.5835 or 880.880.9880.

- With the recent tornadoes through a number of our Southern states I called folks in the affected counties to make sure everyone was safe, but I found that most of the calls I was making were to disconnected numbers. The numbers I called were provided by Tribal Rolls from its official files and this tells me that a lot of folks out there need to call Tribal Rolls to make sure the Nation has your updated contact details. Please do this today; migwetch!

- Please send me your contact details. Building community is an e-mail by e-mail endeavor. Make sure you are included!

I treasure the opportunity to serve you and the Nation; thank you for the honor of representing you.

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*At bottom left, Rep. Eva Marie Carney poses with intern Colby Payne. Bottom right, after a naming ceremony, Rep. Carney poses with Samantha Pittman Devine (Senajewen), Annaleah Pearl Devine (Samantha's and Danny's 2-1/2-year-old daughter) (Gig-okwe), and Annabelle Pittman (Samantha's mother and Annaleah's grandmother, up from Florida). At right, Danny Devine, is shown with wife Samantha and daughter Annaleah.*

## District #3 - Robert Whistler

Bozho Nikan,

It is interesting how quickly time is going by this year. But, 2012 has brought me several new experiences, one of which was my attending RES2012. I had heard of this annual function for the last few years, and decided this year, I would attend.

RES2012 is a five-day affair in Las Vegas where Native Americans, along with Alaska Natives and Pacific Islanders, come together to meet with vendors in a trade show and convention environment. Meetings and breakout sessions are held with various government agencies.

Native American vendors are there with artwork, jewelry, pottery, and other items available for sale.

On my first night there, I had the opportunity to meet U.S. Rep. Jesse Jackson II (Dem.-Illinois). I spoke to him briefly about supporting the selection of Houston as the site for one of the next new Indian Health Care facilities. There are more than 80,000 Native Americans in the six-county area surrounding Houston. Ironically, the total number of Native Americans there is larger than what we have in the Dallas/Ft. Worth metroplex, where we have an IHS facility.

I attended conferences that included how to bring broadband and FM radio service to Native American lands. Then, it was on to hearing about grants for use in development of Native language initiatives. At another session, we were introduced to a government contact who is willing to listen to Nations that are having difficulty with federal laws that block them from doing business.

To make me a better representative to the Texas American Indian Chamber of Commerce, I attended a session on how to do business globally and how to compete at home and abroad. There was a session on teaming in joint ventures for economic development that was very interesting.

The convention included several luncheons at which individuals were recognized. At the awards luncheon on Wednesday,



John Berrey, Chairman of the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma, was recognized. When Joplin, Missouri was hit by a devastating tornado last year, his Nation came in and gave rescue and fire department support to help that city. His Nation spent many weeks there with their equipment and staff. I had the chance to get a photo of the Chairman, which I included with this article.

At another luncheon, we were entertained with a fashion show complete with a runway. Two different ladies have designed some very attractive clothing in fabrics that are culturally significant. I was able to get a photo of Jocelynn Billy-Upshaw who modeled one of the dresses.

There were in excess of 2,500 attendees this year and more than 300 booths in the exhibit hall. I stopped at the KERES Consulting booth, where I had been talking to Allison Thompson; a photo was snapped there.

If you recall, a couple of months ago, I mentioned for those of you who do not have insurance for prescription drugs, there might be an opportunity to use a firm in Canada. At RES2012, I met Susan Abrams, the CEO of REZRX. Her firm is a mail-



order prescription supplier located in Irving, New York. It is Native American owned. She advised that REZRX is able to offer discounts of up to 80% compared to what you may pay at Wal-Mart or Costco. For example, for 100 pills of Lipitor (20 mg), her price is \$55.99, versus Wal-Mart's \$379.54 and Costco's \$390.00.

The telephone number for REZRX is 800-923-1927 or 716-200-9233. Their website is at [www.REZRX.com](http://www.REZRX.com). The owners are members of the Cattaraugus Nation. I suggest that you check them out to learn whether they can save money for you. Their business hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. eastern time.

There were other exhibits ranging from how to setup your Dunn & Bradstreet account to doing business with Fortune 500 firms. This year, RES2012 was hosted by Raytheon. There was opportunity for business matchmaking of Native American business to work with these firms.



Above, Rep. Robert Whistler poses with KERES Consulting's Allison Thompson. At top, John Berrey, Chairman of the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma, provided details about his Tribe's assistance to Joplin, Missouri following a devastating tornado. At right is Jocelynn Billy-Upshaw, who modeled one of the dresses in a fashion show at Res2012.

I would say that it was time and expense well spent and am thankful that I was able to attend. Appropriate information was sent to our Nation's staff where I thought there might be some benefit or possible opportunity.

As I mentioned at the beginning of this column, time is passing quickly. It will soon be time for Family Reunion Festival. I hope that you are able to attend and that we have the chance to talk. I thank you again for allowing me to be your representative and am deeply honored.

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## District #4 - Theresa Adame

Bozho,

I told my Facebook friends that I had achieved one of my life goals last week, my daughters are both happily married and I am not in the poor house. When talking to *HowNiKan* editor Michael Dodson about my article, he suggested I include pictures of both of the newly-wed couples. It did not take much to convince me, so I hope you enjoy and share my joy.

I have also included a picture of our own CPN Legislator Roy Slavin. It was my pleasure to gather with friends and family to celebrate Roy and Julia Slavin's 60th wedding anniversary recently. Roy and Julia are a great example for young CPN couples to emulate. I wish them many more years together

The Kansas City Districts #1 and #4 Tribal Area gathering was held recently. We were blessed to have several first-time attendees. It added a certain excitement to the event. If you have never attended such a meeting, you are missing a great opportunity to hear about the programs the Nation offers, ask questions of the Executive Branch, and meet fellow CPN citizens. Those who attended received updates on the progress of the hotel, softball complex, soccer complex, and other projects.

I am sending out an e-mail to make a offer of a naming ceremony in Shawnee



during festival. This is a great opportunity for families from different areas of the Nation to meet to be named as a family. There are several prayer circles on the grounds so you can also contact your legislator to make the request. Please remember that any CPN member with a Potawatomi name can give a name, so your request can be made to any person with a name.

Feel free to contact me at any time with questions.

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At left above are District #4 Rep. Theresa Adame's daughter Lisa and her new husband Brad Walker. Rep. Adame's daughter Rachel and her new husband Nick Anderson are in the photo at right above.

CPN legislative Districts #1 and #4 recently hosted a Tribal Area Gathering in Kansas City. At right, CPN member Sister Virginia Pearl addresses the meeting as District #1 Rep. Roy Slavin and his wife Julia listen. The Slavins recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.





## District #5 - Gene Lambert

Hello out there in District #5,

It was a perfectly wonderful day in Scottsdale, Arizona for the annual District #5 Meeting for the Citizen Potawatomi Nation on April 1, 2012. We met at the Botanical Gardens, and the desert cactus was in bloom that day. Photographers were everywhere, trying to get photographs of some of the marvels we experience this time of year here in the desert land. It is hard to believe that beautiful flowers grow from such stocky green desert growth.

We had about 150 people who came and enjoyed Chairman Barrett's presentation of several of our ceremonies. There was a wedding officiated by Chairman Barrett, along with a naming, tours, drawings, and great food.

Chairman Barrett always has such style, grace and an entertaining way of educating us on our forefathers and their ways.

As usual it was wonderful to see all the family again. Vice Chairman Linda Capps was there sharing once again all the benefits we have with the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. She served as Vice Chairman, Photographer, Master of Ceremonies, and the "Hostess with the Mostest." She was charming and delightful as usual.

Vice Chairman Capps talked about: A) The housing benefit for those of you who are refinancing, buying, remodeling, etc.; B) The pharmacy benefit for those of us who are over 62 years of age; and C) Education, which was a big one, too. For those of you who are going to college for the first time or are headed back to college, be it at a university, community college, or career college, there are CPN benefits to call on.

There are the burial benefits for those of you who have suffered the loss of a loved one. Dental and medical benefits are avail-



able if you live in the jurisdiction of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. You can make an appointment to visit either while you are in Shawnee for the Family Reunion Festival or any other time you might find yourself in the vicinity.

The art contests are coming up for those of you who are artistic in any medium and wish to compete in the National Art Contest. If you can paint, write poetry, sew, or produce in any form of art, you would be eligible.

After twelve (12) years of serving all of you, I never tire of the events, private conversations, and our sharing throughout the year. Thank you for allowing me this honor.

The next stops are Colorado and Nevada.

Thank you again for such a wonderful year and I can only hope that yours has been half the experience mine has been. I look forward to 2013 with great expectation. Let me know your thoughts throughout this next year.

Take care and God bless you all.

Eunice Imogene 'Gene' Lambert  
Legislator, District #5

## District #7 - Mark Johnson

Bozho,

I hope this column finds you all well and happy that the warm weather has arrived in District #7. It is one of my favorite times of year as I pack my bags and prepare to make my yearly trip home to Shawnee for the Family Reunion Festival on the last weekend in June (June 29 and 30 and July 1).

As excited as I am to be going to see old friends and meet new ones, my heart is also

heavy because it will be the last trip Dad will make with me. Dad first took me home to Shawnee in 1972, and since then we have made too many trips to count. Along the way, he instilled the life lessons that I carry today. I can thank him for the wonderful firefighting career I have had for the last 30-plus years from the lessons that he taught me to put others before self.

After his service in the Army was over,

he made Native American Rights and Education his life's passion. He spent years teaching and speaking on behalf of our heritage, and making sure that we understood the failings of the past so that they would not be repeated, but always with a keen eye on the future. So it makes perfect sense why I am so proud and honored to serve you as your District #7 representative.

It will be a last trip together I hoped would never come. We will make it as I take his ashes home to the place where he was born and which he loved so dearly. I hope you have a chance to make the trip also. The Nation has undergone dramatic changes since I first visited in 1972. Through the construction and growth of the Nation's enterprises, we will make sure that the smoke will continue to rise from our lodges, and that the Citizen Potawatomi will always have a home.

Please visit the link to my website below, you will find it very helpful and informative on how you can access benefits available to you. You will also find various forms and applications that you may need.

Once again, I would like to say what an honor it is to serve you as your District #7 representative. As always, give me a call; I will be happy to work with you on any



questions you might have or provide you additional information you might need to access tribal benefits that you are entitled to. Please also take the time to give me a call or send me an e-mail with your contact information so that I can keep you informed of the happenings within the Nation and District.

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## District #8 - Dave Carney

Bozho, Nikan,

There's not much better than a Native American feast of buffalo stew and salmon, except sharing it with more than 100 of your fellow Citizen Potawatomis. On May 5, 2012, we came together in Portland at the Native American Youth and Community Center, also known as NAYA. Members not only enjoyed the program of Potawatomi culture, but shared their good fortune with the local community by bringing a non-perishable food item for the Oregon Food Bank. Our group donated more than 120 pounds of food, and one member made a \$100 cash donation in memory of Jerry Whitehead, a friend and active member of District #8.

Jerry walked on three weeks earlier, after a long battle with cancer. He was a member of the Ogee founding family, with a special thirst to learn and participate in his Native American heritage. Jerry attended all of the regional and district meetings in the Northwest and made many crafts that were displayed at his service. These included an



eagle wing fan, a medicine bag, some beading, and several drums. He loved anything to do with hand drums or pow wow drums.

When Jerry was diagnosed with cancer, he submersed himself into drumming. Jerry befriended Joseph Four Bears, a member of the Omaha tribe, and they spent untold hours drumming together. It was my honor to sit on the pow wow drum with Joseph and three other friends as the memorial gathering opened.



Jerry's celebration was held at the Suquamish Community Center, a beautiful setting on the Puget Sound. I spoke about Jerry's Naming ceremony, where he received his Potawatomi name, *Ogema kkezo*. His name translates to Chief who hides it or doesn't show it, meaning a quiet leader. Jerry will be missed, but as his sister, Susan, said at our Portland event, Jerry was in attendance.

Our "Wiseest Potawatomi" at the Portland event was Warren Morris of Longview, Washington. Our youngest enrolled Potawatomi was Malachi Bourassa of Portland, Oregon. Our "farthest travelled" members were father and daughter, Roger and Carmen Graham, of Meridian, Idaho.

The focus of this summer's meetings, not only in Portland, but also at the planned meetings in Wasilla, Alaska and the Idaho panhandle, is Potawatomi Culture and building community. The agenda is roughly as follows: A brief film about the 2011 Family Festival that really captures the spirit of the Nation's big annual gathering; The movie "Journey" about our tribe's forced removal from Indiana to Kansas in

1838; Sharing a meal and a "talk" - our shared feast; and A "virtual tour" of the Cultural Heritage Center created by the Director Kelli Mosteller and her staff.

Mark your calendars for June 23rd and June 24th in Wasilla, Alaska. We will have a meeting and cookout with an agenda like the one above on June 23rd, starting at 4:00 p.m. and ending with traditional Potawatomi stories around the late night campfire. On Sunday, June 24th, we will celebrate a Naming ceremony. If you are interested in receiving your name in Wasilla, please contact me no later than two weeks before the event. A similar event is tentatively scheduled for Silverwood, Idaho August 4th and 5th.

I hope to see you this summer either at the Family Reunion Festival or at one of the district gatherings.

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Top left, Roger and Carmen Graham travelled farthest to attend the District #8 Tribal Area Gathering. Top right, Warren Morris was the Wisest Potawatomi at the TAG. Malachi Bourassa was the Youngest Potawatomi in attendance (bottom left). The Potawatomi attending the Portland, Oregon Tribal Area Gathering listen intently to a presentation. District #8 Rep. Dave Carney has a Tribal Area Gathering and Naming scheduled for June 23 and 24 in Wasilla, Alaska.

## District #10 - David Barrett

Bozho,

What are you risking if you don't create a plan to protect your assets? How do we do this and still get a good night's sleep? We accomplish it by purchasing appropriate insurance and creating an estate plan that will leave your family financially comfortable when you are gone.

At its essence, insurance is a means to shift risk. Rather than absorb the financial risk of physical disability, for instance, you pay a premium and transfer the financial risk to an insurance company. What and how much risk you transfer is determined by four variables: (1) The degree of risk you are willing to tolerate; (2) The degree to which the risk can be transferred; (3) The likelihood of the risk affecting you; and (4) The cost of transferring the risk.

If you have an emergency fund that can cover your expenses for six months, it will cost a lot less to carry disability coverage than if you only have a one-month emergency fund.

The likelihood of dying in any given year is generally not very high, therefore the cost of transferring the risk is relatively low. As you get older, however, the cost of life insurance increases along with the statistical likelihood of your death.

The starting point to determine whether you have adequate life insurance is to imagine that you are going to die tomorrow, then determine what your family's financial needs will be. After you've assessed your family's income sources and expense needs, you will be able to decide on the amount of life insurance you might need to purchase. For most people, the key in purchasing life insurance is to provide adequate coverage at the most reasonable cost. For instance, term insurance, whole life insurance, universal life, or variable life insurance are your choices.

As with insurance, estate planning is often a subject that people tend to avoid. But the fact remains that estate planning is a crucial means of providing for your family over the long term. Failing to plan for the legal and financial aftermath of your death won't spare your loved ones from the consequences; on the contrary, they'll have less control and more bureaucratic hassles.

The primary tool of estate planning is your will, which controls the disposition of your assets after you die. While some assets



pass as a matter of law - such as jointly held property, which passes to the co-owner, and life insurance benefits, which pass to the beneficiary - your will generally determines who inherits everything else.

If you die without a will, your assets will be distributed according to state law regardless of your wishes.

In developing a will, it's important to keep in mind that immediately after your death; your family will require cash for various expenses associated with your death. These include funeral costs, executor's fees, legal fees, accounting fees, appraisal fees, and potential medical expenses.

Maintaining some life insurance, even later in life, can provide your family with such immediate cash needs, as can bank accounts, marketable securities, or employee benefits.

I know that you're waiting for me to say contact me because "do I have the insurance for you." NO! NO!

Insurance is a necessary evil that you shouldn't do without. But, I have struggled with finding the right amount. When you are young and in debt you need more than when you've gone through life and paid the debt down.

On the lighter side, a small boy with his parents had just returned from attending a funeral. The small boy rushed to his mother and breathlessly said, "If it's true that we come from dust and go back to dust, you'd better look under my bed, 'cause somebody is either coming or going."

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## District #11 - Lisa Kraft

### Don't Be the First to Tell Yourself "No!"

A few years ago, I was working with a Political Science professor on a grant proposal. Dr. Scott had asked the National Science Foundation (NSF) to fund a new summer course. If funded, he would be able to pay student scholarships and fly a handful of world-renowned History and Political Science experts to Oklahoma over a 6-week course. Entering college freshman and sophomores would hear first-hand accounts of international civics and social systems, discuss economics and world events, and sample world culture through food, film, music, and art. Dr. Scott believed his personal time to plan, research, and ask for what was needed was a small sacrifice if there was any chance that he could bring the world to his students.

I remember the big smile on his face when Dr. Scott first sat down to talk to me about his idea. He said, "I make it a personal rule to always tell myself 'yes' when I ask for something for others, because so many people want to say 'no.' Progress is convincing one person to agree with you." I liked Dr. Scott a great deal; he thought like a tribal grant writer. His NSF summer course was funded and is gearing up for the second summer session.

Having begun my grant-writing career at the Citizen Potawatomi Nation almost 16 years ago and under the mentorship of Chairman Rocky Barrett and Self-Governance Director Rhonda Butcher, I learned another quote: "Never allow a person to tell you no who doesn't have the power to say yes." These words were spoken by Eleanor Roosevelt, but they are also a creed for many of us working for tribal sovereigns and asking for federal program money.

I don't write grants for our Nation anymore; I write for other Oklahoma tribes. My favorite federal program is the U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG). It is a large grant that helps tribes build community centers and infrastructure, rehabilitate homes, and expand or create new businesses. These proposals often take three months to formulate and can bring an Oklahoma tribe \$800,000 in a single award.

The backbone of this type of federal funding request is documentation of a tribal



need. I encourage my tribal clients to ask their members what they need and then match those needs to a federal program so members grow as the tribe grows. This is a strategy I learned from Chairman Barrett. This planning strategy and follow-through are keys to the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's respect in Indian Country and among our members.

Without surveying the membership, tribes simply cannot document needs to ask for grant money or continue to receive program funding at current levels. Some tribes collect statistical data every five years and others annually, program by program. The Citizen Potawatomi Nation sent out the survey that you will find just to the right to Oklahoma members about four years ago as part of a tribal land planning/management grant objective. Instead of reinventing the wheel, **I am posting it with this column with the request that voting members, everywhere, say "yes" to themselves by asking their legislator for what they need.**

**Please return a copy or picture of this survey by July 4, 2012** to any CPN legislator, via e-mail or regular mail, or at the Family Reunion Festival. Then, we can combine our surveys and, together, plan for programs and services that will meet your needs. The surveys can remain anonymous or you can include your name and contact information. We always need current e-mail and mailing addresses.

## Help Plan For The Future

**PLEASE COMPLETE SURVEY TODAY and**

**RETURN BY JULY 4, 2012 FAX 405.271.0198**

**FOR TRIBAL MEMBERS 18 and older—Please complete only one survey per member.**

**1. What do you need the most to provide a better way of life for yourself and/or family? Rank by importance (e.g. 1, 2, 3, etc.)**

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Better job                | <input type="checkbox"/> Business incubator    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Larger home               | <input type="checkbox"/> Retirement annuity    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> More education / training | <input type="checkbox"/> Tax-free investment   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Higher income             | <input type="checkbox"/> College fund for kids |

**2. At the end of the month, where do you always come up short in the wallet? Rank by importance (e.g. 1, 2, 3, etc.)**

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Household utilities  | <input type="checkbox"/> Car expenses              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medical expenses     | <input type="checkbox"/> Aging parent expenses     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Home improvement     | <input type="checkbox"/> Childcare expenses        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Retirement / Savings | <input type="checkbox"/> Pet care costs            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Self improvement     | <input type="checkbox"/> Family fun and recreation |

**3. Of the following choices, what would you like to see developed on tribal lands? Rank by importance (e.g. 1, 2, 3, etc.)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture & cattle  | <input type="checkbox"/> Energy development   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting & fishing     | <input type="checkbox"/> Animal conservation  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community development | <input type="checkbox"/> Economic development |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historical & cultural | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing & Retirement |

**4. In pursuit of economic development, how concerned are you with the following? (Please check only one answer for each.)**

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|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| A. Cultural image                          | <input type="checkbox"/> some | <input type="checkbox"/> none | <input type="checkbox"/> lots |
| B. Increased tribal taxes                  | <input type="checkbox"/> some | <input type="checkbox"/> none | <input type="checkbox"/> lots |
| C. Use of natural resources                | <input type="checkbox"/> some | <input type="checkbox"/> none | <input type="checkbox"/> lots |
| D. Indebtedness                            | <input type="checkbox"/> some | <input type="checkbox"/> none | <input type="checkbox"/> lots |
| E. Waivers of sovereign rights             | <input type="checkbox"/> some | <input type="checkbox"/> none | <input type="checkbox"/> lots |
| F. Outside or non-Indian senior management | <input type="checkbox"/> some | <input type="checkbox"/> none | <input type="checkbox"/> lots |
| G. Non-Indian partnerships                 | <input type="checkbox"/> some | <input type="checkbox"/> none | <input type="checkbox"/> lots |

**5. Do you feel that voting in tribal elections should be rewarded as a way to encourage multi-generational participation in the tribe?**

- ☐ YES ☐ NO

**6. What state and district do you live in? \_\_\_\_\_**

**7. Do you use your local Indian Health Service (I H S) clinic or hospital? (check all that apply)**

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> YES                          | <input type="checkbox"/> NO                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Have not looked into it yet. | <input type="checkbox"/> Too far away                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Positive experience          | <input type="checkbox"/> You /your family were denied services |

**8.A Do you own or rent your home? \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO**

**B. Are you having or expect trouble in making your monthly house (mortgage) payment? \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO**



The months of August and September will be spent negotiating the annual operating budget and setting 2013 planning priorities. If we don't know your most pressing needs, we might not address them next year or vote for more resources. So, please, take the time to complete the survey and return it. Say "yes" to yourself and ask for what you need. You have 16 legislators, any one of which could say "yes." It can be done. The odds are in your favor.

I look forward to talking with you more at the Festival. Be safe traveling home to Shawnee.

As always, I am thinking Potawatomi.  
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## District #12 - Paul Schmidlkofer

Bozho Nikan,

Recently, I had the honor of representing the Nation at the inauguration of the new president of St. Gregory's university. The tribe has a long-standing relationship with this school. Many of our members have attended and graduated from this university. I earned one of my undergraduate degrees from SGU. My brother and daughter both have SGU degrees.

It got me to thinking.

Like many of you, I have similar ties to the school. My first experience was taking the swimming merit badge for Boy Scouts out at St. Gregory's. Bro. Mark Ruiz taught about 20 boys everything they needed to know to pass the requirements for this merit badge.

I remember listening to my aunts tell the story of my grandmother attending school at Sacred Heart as a little girl. Sacred Heart was the origin of St. Gregory's. Most people know the story of how the Benedictine monks came to Oklahoma to help the Native Americans who had moved to central Oklahoma. My grandmother's mother had passed away. Her father remarried a woman who was white. For whatever reason, she didn't like the little Indian children who were left after her mother passed. So her dad shipped them off to Sacred Heart. They say she cried all the way there. The interesting thing is that they spent the night with their cousins at the Bourbonnais cabin,



which sits by our Cultural Heritage Center.

Anyway, it's been a long relationship that we all hope continues for many more years. They have been faithful friends for all these years, and I suspect they will for many more years.

And, here is a reminder for all the High School seniors out there: Be sure to contact Tribal Rolls for your scholarship paperwork. The sooner you get it in, the easier it will be to ensure everything is ready when you start school in the fall.

As always, it is both a pleasure and an honor to serve you and our great nation.  
Migwetch,  
Paul Schmidlkofer

## District #13 - Bobbi Bowden

Bozho Nikan,

While visiting the Cultural Heritage Center recently, I was lucky enough to be there at the same time as volunteers who were sewing regalia dresses and ribbon shirts for the upcoming Family Reunion

Festival. These wonderful people are volunteering their time and talent to sew dresses and shirts for tribal members to purchase for the minimal price of \$10.00 so they will be able to participate in Grand Entry during the Festival, wearing the

proper regalia.

There are no words to express the feeling of pride that participating in Grand Entry brings. This is something each of you and your children should experience. The tribe and its members are doing their best to make this possible for you. I would like to express my sincere appreciation and admiration for the volunteers who are giving so freely of their time. We even have a few non-tribal members giving their time and sewing ability as well.

I had the pleasure of meeting 86-year-young Doris Brenner, a Citizen Potawatomi member, and Gayla Mosteller, also a tribal member, and watching them sew away!

If you are interested in purchasing one of the dresses or shirts made by these wonderful people, please contact the Cultural Heritage Center.

Along with sewing, I was there for the beginning of a wood-carving session. They have so many classes and demonstrations going on at the Heritage Center! Once again, I encourage you to sign up for a class (schedules are available online or at the front desk) or simply stop by. You never know what you might come across and learn about our heritage and traditions!

Pictured are my daughter Alex, watching Penny Coates doing a beautiful wood-carving, Sam Navarre with his hand-carved OU spoon (Boomer, Sooner!), and volunteer Gayla Mosteller, working on one of the



beautiful dresses that will be available.

I look forward to seeing and meeting many of you at this year's festival. Please take the time to go to the website [www.potawatomi.org](http://www.potawatomi.org) and register!

Please contact me at BBowden@potawatomi.org if I can be of any help to you!

As always it is a pleasure to serve our tribe!

Bobbi Bowden  
Legislative Representative  
District #13



*Above, Gayla Mosteller works on a regalia shawl for Festival. Above right, Alex Bowden, daughter of Rep. Bobbi Bowden, watches and elarns as FireLake Gifts manager Penny Coates works on a wood-carving. And, at right, Sam Navarre of the Potawatomi Language Department displays the spoon he very expertly carved.*



## Vice Chairman Linda Capps

Bozho,

The Nation receives inquiries on the Health Aid program on a regular basis. The program presently serves tribal members who were born before January 1, 1972. I hope that, by the time you receive this edition of the *HowNiKan*, our legislators have increased the age group for eligibility to include those who were born through the end of 1976 - before January 1, 1977.

If the Resolution was approved in the legislature's May meeting, approximately 45 percent of our tribal members will be eligible to be served through the Health Aid program.

Those who are eligible would include tribal members who are 37 years of age and older or about 14,000 tribal members. The main question being asked is, "Why do you not serve all tribal members with the program?" The answer is simply one of economics.

I am proud of our legislators for having the faith to add even five additional years. An example of the potential liability for a "worst-case scenario" would be approximately 14,000 tribal members requesting health aids in the amount of \$750 per year. The frightening concept equates to an astronomical amount of money...more than \$10,500,000. Needless to say, our Nation could not afford this amount each year - not even for just one year.

A positive vision is for the Nation to continue to advance in growth and financial gain so more tribal members could be served in the future. For now, we should determine if we can afford the five years under consideration. We know that not all 14,000 tribal members will apply for reimbursement each year. For one reason, not all eligible tribal members will need the qualifying items in one year. These items are eyeglasses, partial dentures, CPAP machines, hearing aids, mobile chairs, con-



tacts, bridgework, crowns, wheelchairs, one pair of prescription sunglasses, mobile chair lifts and ramps for vehicles, prosthetic devices, and dentures.

Some of you might think that I never cease talking about benefits. The truth of the matter is, relatively few of our tribal members know about all of CPN benefits. Thus, I am sending a message to you today on the Health Aid program, hoping that you will share the information with your family members.

Amber Brewer is the contact person for the program. You may reach her at 405-275-3121 or 800-880-9880. You can also read about the Health Aid program and download the application by visiting the Nation's website at [www.Potawatomi.org](http://www.Potawatomi.org). Click on Services and scroll down to Health Aid Foundation.

I look forward to seeing you at the Family Reunion Festival on June 29 and 30 and July 1. I would be pleased to visit with you about the Health Aid program or any of our CPN benefits.

As always, I cherish serving as your Vice Chairman.

Linda Capps

## CHC Talent, con't from page 8



members of their family. Every other Thursday, Ardena teaches a class on popular beading techniques at the Cultural Heritage Center.

Leslie Deer, member of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and production assistant for the Tribal Heritage Project, traveled the world for 11 years as a cast member of the American Indian Dance Theater. She has also danced with the Oklahoma Fancy Dancers for 20 years. During those years she made her own regalia and mastered the art of fancy dancing. Now, she teaches an open regalia-making and women's powwow dancing class once a week.

We are lucky to have so many talented women working under one roof. They are a testament to the Citizen Potawatomi Nations' commitment to attracting and keeping amazing professionals.

The women are not the only ones with impressive skills. The men who make up the Language Department are also a talented bunch. Randy Schlachtun, of the Navarre family, started working with the Potawatomi language five years ago. He has since added more than 2,500 words to our Potawatomi dictionary, including some words given to our language department by elders from other Potawatomi bands. Randy's knowledge is not all scholastic, however, he is also a self-taught peyote stitch beader and is currently perfecting his quill headroach design.

Coby Lehman, who is also a tribal member, has more than two decades of native



The photo of Randy Schlachtun at left is by Sharon Hoogstraten. Above, Penny Coates applies her painting talent.

dancing experience, including a European tour for the Department of Defense and a performance with the American Indian Dance Theater at the Lincoln Center in New York City. He is an accomplished competitive northern traditional dancer and also sang with the world champion powwow drum group Little Eagle. Coby has served as arena director during the Saturday night powwow at the Family Reunion Festival for the past three years, so we have not been able to see him in action.

Our Assistant Director of Language, Sam Navarre, also brings invaluable knowledge to the table. He is a graduate of the USAO American Indian Studies program, and helped organize the USAO Annual Powwow during his tenure there. Mr. Navarre has nine years of experience creating native beadwork, a skill he learned from Kiowa, Delaware, and Seneca teachers. Sam is also active as a volunteer for our local ceremonies and cultural activities. He tends the fire for the local Potawatomi women's group, and has hauled around 5,000 rocks for local sweat lodges over the past seven years.

We are truly fortunate to have such a diverse array of talent working at the CPN Cultural Heritage Center. Without the efforts of these employees many of the cultural exhibits and activities we provide for tribal members would not be possible. Because of the help of our gifted staff, the Heritage Center can continue to provide rich learning experiences through native crafts and historic exhibits. Migwetch!

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**Tara Gordon excels in softball, basketball, also****CPN member rides academics, field hockey prowess to Northwestern U scholarship***by Branden Helms*

Tara Gordon might look like your average 18-year old, but the Citizen Potawatomi Nation member and future Northwestern University field hockey player is anything but. Despite the fact that she plays a sport not widely found in the Southwest U.S., she earned a partial scholarship to play on a Big 10 team. Yet, the sport may not be the biggest reason for Tara to go make the move to Evanston, Illinois from Fort Worth.

"Honestly, the biggest thing about Northwestern for me is the combination of academics and athletics, because I want to be challenged in both areas," Gordon said. "I want to walk out of college saying I am the best I can be at whatever it is I want to be. So I figured Northwestern gave me the best shot."

While she also has lettered all four years on the varsity squads in basketball and softball, field hockey is her strength. While at Fort Worth Country Day School, she earned all-conference honors in 2010 and 2011. She was an honorable mention in 2009. Her senior season was her most prolific as she was team captain and led the team in scoring on her way to team MVP honors.

Not to diminish her accomplishments in other sports, she was team captain in all three during her senior year, as well as the team's leading scorer in basketball, but field hockey is her passion. "All my aunts and my mom played field hockey when they were my age in school and around this area it is only in the private schools," she said. "When I was four, my aunt, who was the varsity coach at my school, brought a little field hockey stick to the hospital. So that was programmed into me from the get-go. She never pressured me. She just gave me the option."

Tara's father, Trey Gordon, a CPN member, helped it along. "He used to play driveway hockey with me as a kid," Tara said.

"We used to play some rough games as driveway hockey, pretty rough," Trey said. "I'd throw some hip checks."

"Cheap shots all the way, oh yeah, it was bad," Tara recounted laughing at the memory.

While that might seem like a full plate for an average teenage student, sports is just one facet of her life. She also studied Technical Theater and was the stage manager in



*Six Fort Worth Country Day School seniors signed letters of intent to play for DI, DII, NAIA, and NJCAA schools next year. The signees are Tara Gordon, Northwestern University, field hockey; Taylor Smith, UCLA, women's soccer; Reid Meyer, Texas Tech, baseball; Daniel Steinbrenner, Arkansas Tech, baseball; Matt Beasley, Wayland Baptist, baseball; and Thomas Boucher, Metropolitan Community College at Longview, Texas, baseball.*

the school's winter production. She was also Link Crew Leader, which is a group that mentors the freshman in their transition to the upper school.

"I also lead another club called Tara's Group, I didn't name it but the kids named it that, in honor of me," she said. "I started an Alateen program at my school just for kids that have out-of-luck parents or relatives of any sort. I worked with them through our school counselor because I would love to go into counseling and just helping others."

Despite all the extracurricular activities, field hockey has been her focus from the beginning. If Tara wanted to play at the collegiate level, there would be a lot more effort involved. The Southwest isn't a hotbed of high school field hockey. So Tara and her dad hit the road, playing in tournaments and other events over a 13-state area in three years.

"It's hard in Texas, too, because she doesn't play against that higher level of competition that you would in Pennsylvania, Maryland, New Jersey, whatever unless she goes to those national events," Trey Gordon said. "We weren't really sure where she fit. In other words is she a D-III player (college Division Three), is she a D-II

player, is she a bottom third of the D-I schools, middle third, top third? We really didn't know."

Through the process, Tara and Trey developed closeness beyond just a daughter/father relationship. "He's like my manager," she said. "We had to have that somewhat because he would stay on me and be like 'Hey, you've got to get these e-mails sent out or you can't hang out with your friends.' He would film the games so I could (study) the game films. He would take me everywhere. And it is cool to look back because we have all these places we have been."

Placing Tara in front of coaches and other talent evaluators wasn't just a challenge for her, but her dad, too. Likewise, his commitment to her had to be as strong as her commitment to field hockey. "She kind of made it known to me this was her dream that she wanted to pursue and I said, 'Okay, let's just see how far it takes us and to what level it takes us,'" Trey said. "Unlike a lot of other sports, you have to go to them, they don't come here at all."

After visiting several Division-I institutions, both knew right away when they had finally found the right fit. "Just leaving the academic meeting, I hadn't seen anything,

it was the first thing deal on the tour, the first time we had both been there," Tara said. "I hadn't seen anything, just talked to the coaches, that was it. We're leaving the academic meeting; I turned to (Dad) and said this is it. He is like 'How do you know? You have only seen the inside of this room.' And I was like 'I have the feeling; I just know. This is it,' and he was like 'Okay. We'll just see.' So sure enough..."

Her dad echoed the sentiment. "I guess we both knew on our recruiting trip to Northwestern that that's were she wanted to be," he said. "We'd been to other schools, looked at other schools, a bunch of them and we knew from the academic counselors that we met with, the coaches, the players, the school, we both knew right away."

There was just one problem. Tara's grades were below her standards and Northwestern's after some personal issues during her freshman and sophomore years. Like so many other challenges presented to her, she worked to put the odds in her favor.

"When I first took my SAT, it was low," she said. "Well, it was high, but not high enough for Northwestern (1200). I went in every morning early and met with teachers and studied for the SAT on top of my other stuff my junior year, which is the hardest year. So that was kind of crazy. But I got it up and beat it by 70 points."

One scare came when Northwestern officials called and said they were worried about her performance the first two years of Upper School. After an outpouring of recommendations from her teachers, Northwestern admissions personnel noted that they rarely had seen such an outpouring of confidence from a teaching staff. Tara was accepted into Northwestern and received a partial scholarship to play field hockey.

It's this commitment to community and academics where she found out about how her family history and the Citizen Potawatomi Nation are intertwined. "Last year for my history class, we did this research paper on our family," Tara said. "So I did my dad's side of the family which is where the Citizen Potawatomi Nation fits in. It was really cool. It was like going back and seeing all of the history because we have all of these books that my family had

*See TARA GORDON on page 28*



## District #2 Photo Contest Winners

Dear *HowNiKan* Readers,

It is my pleasure to announce the winners of my recent District #2 Photo Contest and to share with you the top three photographs, reflecting the contest theme "A Good Woman."

District #2 resident Bob Richey/*Shaweno* wins the grand prize with his entry depicting Doris Richey, his mother, receiving the Soldiers Medal for her bravery while serving during World War II as an Army nurse in the European theater. She was injured during her service and also received the Purple Heart.

Mrs. Richey is honored in the Women in World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C., and soon will be honored on our CPN Veterans Wall of Honor. Mrs. Richey was a mother of four children and registered all on the Tribal Rolls when they were children. Bob Richey will receive a full-size Citizen Potawatomi Nation flag for his winning entry.

There also are two great runner-up photos to share with you. The first, submitted by Tom Pyeatt of Des Moines, Iowa (District #1), depicts four "good women" in Tom's life. Shown from left to right, they are Patsy Vawter, San Diego, California (District #6); Nina White, Bossier City, Louisiana (District #2); Peggy Hill, Murfreesboro, Arkansas (District #2); and Nelda Seever, Navarre, Florida (District #2).

The second, submitted by Steve Lynch/*Yatsoket* of Beaverton, Oregon (District #8), depicts Dr. Steve's mother, Lucille Anna Darling-Lynch-Walters. Gramma Lu, as her grandchildren called her, is shown with her three grandchildren: Sheli, Kelly, and David (all from District #8). In submitting the photo Dr. Steve noted that he, Kelly, and David re-

ceived their Potawatomi names about a year ago and he knows that if Lucille were alive she would have loved to receive her name as well.

It was a real delight to receive the entries and experience the love and pride that radiated from them. *Migwetch* to everyone who entered and please consider participating in a future District #2 contest.

Kind regards,

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*Photograph above submitted by Tom Pyeatt, Des Moines, Iowa. Pictured are Potawatomi women (left to right) Patsy Vawter, San Diego, CA (Dist. #6); Nina White, Bossier City, LA (Dist. #2); Peggy Hill, Murfreesboro, AR (Dist. #2); and Nelda Seever, Navarre, FL (Dist. #2).*

*The photo at left was submitted by Steve Lynch/Yatsoket of Beaverton, Oregon (District #8). It depicts Dr. Steve's mother, Lucille Anna Darling-Lynch-Walters. Gramma Lu, as her grandchildren called her, is shown with her three grandchildren: Sheli, Kelly, and David (all from District #8).*



## Citizen Potawatomi Nation Progress

The South Shawnee branch of First National Bank & Trust Co. is nearing completion while the Grand Hotel & Resort, adjacent to the recently re-named Grand Casino on Interstate 40, continues rising into the sky.

These are but two of many construction projects underway at your Nation. The Ballfields at FireLake, a six-softball/baseball field complex has been hosting tournaments since mid-March, and it is already a major attraction.





*Dub Vincent returns home after 68 years, con't from page 1*



*Kim (Vincent) Anderson, Lt. Vincent's niece and wife of CPN member Craig Anderson, greets funeral attendees. At right, Craig Anderson is interviewed by a Tulsa TV reporter.*

ily reunion in Tulsa.

The son of Walter Vincent Sr., a salesman for Phillips Oil, and Lena Vincent, Walter Burt 'Dub' Vincent Jr. was born in Bartlesville and moved to Tulsa at age 9. He attended and played basketball for Rogers High School. Later, with the start of the war, he joined the Marines. Beyond that, for the Andersons, "the only Uncle Dub we ever knew" consisted of a few family mementos in an old box: photos, a wartime letter, a bomber school graduation certificate, and a Purple Heart medal. Of the story behind them all, there just wasn't much to tell.

During the war, Vincent's Marine Bomber Squadron 423, known as the Seahorse Marines, was based in a remote island archipelago now called Vanuatu. Not long after his arrival, Vincent's plane, PBJ-35087, crashed at sea, or so everyone believed. Though no wreckage was found, he and the crew eventually were declared dead. "The family did not pursue the details. And over the years, it wasn't talked about much," Craig Anderson said, adding that the memories, such as the day military officials brought news of the crash to the family's Tulsa home, were just too painful.

Preparing for the reunion, Anderson decided to see if any more information was available. It was through that inquiry, and contacts made through a Seahorse Marines website, that he was able to piece together a fuller picture of the flight's fate. It would change everything for the family.

The crash, Anderson learned, had occurred in bad weather during a night train-

ing run out of the Seahorse base in Luganville. And Vincent was not the crew's regular bombardier; he had volunteered to fill in for an ill crewman. But, the most important new detail was this: The plane had not, in fact, crashed at sea, but on a mountain on Espiritu Santo, the same Vanuatu island where the squadron was based.

From there, with the help of military officials and author Dan Bookout - who documented numerous Vanuatu crash sites for his book "The Search for the Lost Black Sheep" - Anderson was able to pinpoint the site. Suddenly, Anderson, who after hearing about Vincent for years had been drawn into his story, found himself with a decision to make. "I remember thinking to myself early on that if we ever find this site, I'd have to go," he said. "Well, here we were. And so I said 'Heck, we've just got to.'"

#### **'Phenomenal' discovery**

In 2007, Anderson, his wife, and their daughter and son-in-law traveled together with Bookout to Espiritu Santo. Agreeing with the military not to remove anything - the goal was simply to show that the site was accessible - they hiked with native guides through miles of dense, mountainous jungle. It was tough going over three days, but then they saw it: that rusty propeller. With it lay the rest of the wreckage, buried under the vines and thickets.

"I thought it was a complete long shot," Desrochers said of the logistical challenges and rough terrain. But she was amazed when they did find the wreckage. "There was a great sense of celebration," she said.



"We toasted to Dub up there."

Military recovery specialists would ultimately make three excavation missions to the site, recovering and identifying portions of the remains of all seven crew members. They included, in addition to Vincent: Laverne Lallathin of Raymond, Washington; Dwight Ekstam of Port Byron, Illinois; John Donovan of Plymouth, Michigan; Wayne Erickson of Minneapolis, Minnesota; John Yeager of New Kensington, Pennsylvania; and James Sisney of Redwood, California.

All the other crewmen's families have been briefed about the recovery results, except for two, who were briefed during the week beginning Sunday, May 6, 2012, officials said.

Part of Vincent's remains were buried in Tulsa. The rest of his recovered remains, along with those of the other crewmen, will be interred at Arlington National Cemetery later this year in a common casket - a practice typical for such cases. Miles Morgan, editor of the Seahorse Marine newsletter and whose late father, Seahorse pilot Dick Morgan, was a former University of Tulsa football player, said: "This is a huge, huge deal for Dub and these men to be brought home and buried on American soil. It's a miracle story for all this to come together after 68 years. What Craig and his family have done is phenomenal."

#### **Remembering the man**

Even though so much time has passed, it still means closure for the family that is left, Desrochers said. "It's emotional," she said. "Not even knowing him, it takes you by surprise. It definitely has an impact on

you."

Morgan of Asheville, N.C., said at last count there were about 50 former Seahorse Marines left.

Vincent's closest surviving relative is a sister-in-law, Georgia Kendall of Dallas, who was married to his late brother, Ernie Vincent, a longtime Tulsa dentist. The brothers also had two sisters, Lea Lamb and Jean Washburn, both deceased. Kendall said she met Dub once, in Oklahoma City, where he was enlisting in the Marines. "He was a taller, bigger version of his older brother, my husband Ernie," she recalled.

Barbee Brown was a classmate of Vincent's at Rogers and one of the few people who still remember him who attended the service. "I knew he was tall and handsome," Brown said. "He was nice and a little on the quiet side. He was a nice young man. You know how he got the name Dub? His name was Walter Vincent Jr. They called him 'W,' then they shortened it to Dub."

Kendall said her only wish at this point is that "Dub's family was here to witness this homecoming. How wonderful it would have been for them to know."

Vincent's remains were interred Saturday in a plot his parents bought for him near other family members. "They bought it back in the 1940s, and it's been there waiting all this time," Anderson said. "I think they truly believed that someday Dub would be found and brought home."

**We'll see you at  
Family Reunion Festival 2012!!  
June 29 & 30 and July 1**





At top, Lt. Brooke (Anderson) Desrochers and her father, T. Craig Anderson, walk behind Lt. Walter 'Dub' Vincent's casket as a Marine honor guard escorts it to the burial site. CPN members John and Tom Anderson sign the guest register. John Anderson is Craig's uncle; Tom Anderson is his father. Lt. Vincent and the six other Marines on the crashed plane are no longer MIA. Four vintage planes perform a flyover as the funeral service begins. Two members of the Marine honor guard remove the United States flag from Lt. Vincent's casket and fold it, before presenting it to his family. Members of the Patriot Guard Riders pay their respects to Lt. Vincent for his selfless service. And, Lt. Vincent's final resting place in southeast Tulsa is a very beautiful, peaceful site.

## CPN, Shawnee, Pottawatomie County celebrate progress



Citizen Potawatomi Nation, Shawnee city government, and Pottawatomie County government officials celebrate the beginning of another CPN-financed project that will benefit the entire community. The Nation will provide \$650,000 to renovate the James Allen Bridge, which spans the North Canadian River on Gordon Cooper Drive/Beard Street. The work will provide a more convenient, safer, more attractive entrance to Citizen Potawatomi Nation enterprises from the north and to Shawnee from the south.

Shown just north of the bridge are, from left, Amber Satterfield, Shawnee city engineering department; Shawnee Mayor Linda Peterson; Shawnee City Commissioner Frank Sims; CPN Chairman John A. 'Rocky' Barrett; Shawnee City Commissioner Steve Smith; CPN Vice Chairman Linda Capps; Shawnee City Manager Brian McDougal; Shawnee City Commissioner James Harrod; and Michael Ludi of the Shawnee city engineering department.

## CPN Royalty



Citizen Potawatomi Nation member Sarah Parks was crowned homecoming queen for the Dale, Oklahoma High School Basketball season 2011-12. Sarah is a senior at Dale High with a 3.8 GPA. At right are Sarah and her brother Duncan Hoffman, who is a Dale Elementary School fifth-grader. At left, Sarah poses with her escort for the ceremony, fellow senior Kyle Lemmings.



# 2012 Family Reunion Festival

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### FRIDAY, JUNE 29, 2012

<b>6:00 a.m.</b>	Wellness Center Open House (until 6:00 p.m.)
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	Registration Begins at Pow Wow Grounds (until 8:30 p.m.) Tribal ID Cards Prepared (Until 8:30 p.m.) - South Reunion Hall Tribal Heritage Family and Veterans Interviews (until 5:30 p.m.) - Cultural Heritage Center
<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	Children's Fingerprinting - South Reunion Hall (until 5:30 p.m.)
<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Photo & Document Scanning - Cultural Heritage Center Founding Family Film Festival - Church Building Swimming Pool at Pow Wow Grounds opens (until 9:00 p.m.) Shawl-Fringing Class - Cultural Heritage Center (Until Noon) Beadwork Class - Cultural Heritage Center (Until Noon) Feather Painting - Pow wow grounds North Reunion Hall (until noon) <i>Youth Arts &amp; Crafts (until 11:30 a.m.) - Tribal HQ</i> <i>Kiddie Land - Pow Wow Grounds</i>
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	Softball Tournament Sign-up (14 & older) - Softball Fields Hot Dogs, Bratwursts, Smoked Bologna Served - West side of pow wow grounds (Until 10 p.m.) <i>Swimming Pool at Tribal Headquarters Opens (until 7:00 p.m.)</i>
<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	Registration for Adult/Teenage Pool Tournament until 12:30 p.m. - Southeast Corner of FireLake Discount Foods Parking Lot Flute-Making/Flute-Playing Demonstration - Cultural Heritage Center
<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	Vendors: Arts & Crafts & Food - Pow Wow Grounds Health Aid Foundation Information Booth - North Reunion Hall - closes at 7 p.m.
<b>1:00 p.m.</b>	Beadwork Class - Cultural Heritage Center (until 4:00 p.m.) Appliqué Class - Cultural Heritage Center (until 4:00 p.m.) Feather-Painting - Pow wow grounds/North Reunion Hall (until 4:00 p.m.) Gourd-Painting - Pow wow grounds/North Reunion Hall (until 4:00 p.m.) Adult/Teenage Pool Tournament (Ages 16 & older) - South side of FireLake Discount Foods Parking Lot (until 4:30 p.m.) <i>Youth Arts &amp; Crafts (until 4:00 p.m.) - Tribal Headquarters</i> <i>Children's Activities (14 &amp; under)- Tribal HQ - Chess and Checkers (Registration begins at 11 a.m.)</i>
<b>3:00 p.m.</b>	Flute-Making/Flute-Playing Demonstration - Cultural Heritage Center
<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	Chess Tournament - Game Pavilion (west side of North Reunion Hall) Introductory Language Class - Cultural Heritage Center (until 6:00 p.m.) Conversational Potawatomi Class - Cultural Heritage Center (until 6:00 p.m.)
<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Dinner - Pow Wow Grounds/Food Pavilion (West) - served until 7:30 p.m. Flag Retirement Ceremony - West side of the Round House Cultural Heritage Center closes for the night

<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	Domino Tournament - Game Pavilion (west side of North Reunion Hall) Horseshoes Tournament - Between FDF parking lot and the creek
<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	Traditional Hand Games - Reunion Roundhouse
<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Checkers Tournament - Game Pavilion (west side of North Reunion Hall) Pool at Pow Wow Grounds closes for the day <i>Dance Under the Stars and Dance Contest/Live DJ - South of FDF</i> <i>Swimming Pool at Tribal Headquarters Closes for the day</i> Registration for Night Golf/Blind Draw/Limited to 80 people/Alcohol Free - FireLake Golf Course

<b>9:00 p.m.</b>	Night Golf/Scramble - FireLake Golf Course
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### SATURDAY, JUNE 30, 2012

<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Voting opens (until 2:00 p.m.) - Tribal Court - Administration Building</b> Tribal ID Cards Prepared - South Reunion Hall/(Until 3:00 p.m.) - Administration Building (Until 2:00 p.m.) 5k Fun Run/Walk - Meet at Wellness Center FireLake Wellness Center Open House (Until 3:00 p.m.)
<b>7:30 a.m.</b>	Breakfast - Pow Wow Grounds/Food Pavilion (West) (Served Until 9:00 a.m.) Registration for Golf Tournament Begins - FireLake Golf Course
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	Registration Begins at Pow Wow Grounds (until 8:00 p.m.) 2012 <b>Anderson</b> Honored Family Interviews - Cultural Heritage Center Studio (until 9:15a.m.) 2012 <b>Beaubien</b> Honored Family Interviews - Cultural Heritage Center Conference Room (until 9:15 a.m.) Sacred Heart Tour (transportation provided) - Cultural Heritage Center Parking lot Health Aid Foundation Information Booth - North Reunion Hall - closes at 3 p.m. Tribal Veterans Meeting - Cultural Heritage Center Founding Family Film Festival - Church Building Fry-Bread Making Demonstration - Pow Wow Grounds
<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	Arrow-Making Demonstration - Archery area west of Pow Wow Grounds Golf Tournament (Four-person teams) - FireLake Golf Course Vendors: Arts & Crafts & Food - Pow Wow Grounds Health Fair (until 3:00 p.m.) - Health Services Fry-Bread Competition (16 and older) - Pow Wow Grounds Children's Fingerprinting - South Reunion Hall (until 5:30 p.m.)
<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Beadwork Class - Cultural Heritage Center (until noon) Feather Painting - Pow wow grounds North Reunion Hall (until noon) Gourd Painting - Pow wow grounds North Reunion Hall (until noon) Children's Archery Practice - Archery area west of Pow Wow Grounds Photo & Document Scanning & Family Research - CHC (until 10:30 a.m.) Caring for Your Feet - Wellness Center (until 2:00) 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament (15 and older) - Pow Wow Grounds



**9:00 a.m.** Hawk-N-Knife Throw - Archery area west of PowWow Grounds  
Shawl/Fringing Class - Cultural Heritage Center  
Softball Tournament - South side of Pow Wow Grounds  
Swimming Pool at Pow Wow Grounds opens (until 5:00 p.m.)  
*Youth Arts & Crafts (until 11:30 a.m.) - Tribal Headquarters*  
*Kiddie Land - Pow Wow Grounds*

**9:30 a.m.** 2012 **Bertrand** Honored Family Interviews-Cultural Heritage Center Studio (until 10:45 a.m.)  
2012 **Bourbonnais** Honored Family Interviews - Cultural Heritage Center Conference Room (until 10:45 a.m.)  
*Youth 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament (14 & under) - Tribal HQ (Registration begins at 8 a.m.)*

**10:00 a.m.** Introductory Language Class - Cultural Heritage Center (until 11:00)  
Hot Dogs/Bratwursts/Smoked Bologna Served - West Side of Pow Wow Grounds (until 10 p.m.)  
Archery Competition - West of Pow Wow Grounds  
*Children's Art Competition (CPN Members Only) - Pow Wow Grounds*  
*Swimming Pool Opens (until 5:00 p.m.) - Tribal Headquarters*  
*Children's Language Class - Tribal Headquarters*

**11:00 a.m.** Photo & Document Scanning & Family Research - Cultural Heritage Center  
2012 **Ogee** Honored Family Interviews - Cultural Heritage Center Studio (until 12:15 p.m.)  
2012 **Pettifer** Honored Family Interviews - Cultural Heritage Center Conf. Room (until 12:15 p.m.)  
Flute Making/Playing Demonstration - Cultural Heritage Center  
*Youth Softball Throwing Contest (14 & under) - Softball Fields (Registration begins at 10 a.m.)*

**11:30 a.m.** Lunch - Pow Wow Grounds/New Pavilion (West) (Served until 1:00 p.m.)

**12:00 p.m.** Open Pow Wow Drumming Session - Grandstand arena on pow wow grounds (until 2:00 p.m.)

**12:30 p.m.** 2012 **Toupin** Honored Family Interviews - Cultural Heritage Center Studio (until 1:45 p.m.)  
2012 **Wano** Honored Family Interviews - Cultural Heritage Center Conference Room (until 1:45 p.m.)  
Appliqué Class - Cultural Heritage Center (until 2:30 p.m.)  
Beadwork Class - Cultural Heritage Center(until 2:30 p.m.)  
Feather Painting - Pow wow grounds North Reunion Hall (until 2:30 p.m.)  
Gourd Painting - Pow wow grounds North Reunion Hall (until 2:30 p.m.)

**1:00 p.m.** Photo & Document Scanning & Family Research - Cultural Heritage Center  
*Youth Arts & Crafts (until 4:00 p.m.) - Tribal Headquarters*

**1:45 p.m.** 2012 **Yott** Honored Family Interviews - Cultural Heritage Center (until 3:00 p.m.)

**2:00 p.m.** Adult Art Competition Registration (Winners to be announced during General Council Meeting) - Cultural Heritage Center

**3:00 p.m.** **General Council - Cultural Heritage Center**

**5:00 p.m.** Tribal Heritage Family/Veterans Interviews - CHC  
Photo & Document Scanning - Cultural Heritage Center

**5:00 p.m.** Founding Family Film Festival - Cultural Heritage Center  
Swimming Pools at Tribal Headquarters and Pow Wow Grounds close for the day

**5:30 p.m.** Gourd Dancing - Pow Wow Grounds  
Dinner - Pow Wow Grounds/New Pavilion (West) (Served until 7:30 p.m.)

**6:00 p.m.** Cultural Heritage Center closes for the day

**8:00 p.m.** **Grand Entry/Dance - Pow Wow Grounds**

**SUNDAY, JULY 1, 2012**

**7:00 a.m.** Traditional Ceremonies - Prayer Circle/Sharp House

**7:30 a.m.** Breakfast - Pow Wow Grounds/New Pavilion (West) (Served until 9:00 a.m.)

**8:00 a.m.** Sacred Heart Tour (transportation provided) - Heritage Center parking lot  
Tribal Heritage Family & Veterans Interviews (until 12:30 p.m.) - CHC  
Photo & Document Scanning (until 12:30 p.m.) - Cultural Heritage Center  
Founding Family Film Festival - Cultural Heritage Center/Voices of Heritage Theatre

**9:00 a.m.** West Clinic Open House (until 2 p.m.) - Grand Casino area  
*Youth Arts & Crafts (until 11:30 a.m.) - Tribal Headquarters*  
*Kiddie Land - Pow Wow Grounds*

**10:00 a.m.** Swimming Pool at Pow Wow Grounds opens (until 2:00 p.m.)

**10:30 a.m.** Church Services - Church, Just North of Health Clinic

**11:30 a.m.** Lunch - Pow Wow Grounds/New Pavilion (West) (Served until 1:00 p.m.)

**12:30 p.m.** Cultural Heritage Center Closes for the Weekend

**1:00 p.m.** Mini-Putt Tournament - FireLake Mini-Putt/Pow Wow Grounds

**3:00 p.m.** Volleyball Tournament - North of Squirrel Creek

**\*\*\*SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE\*\*\***



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# Tribal Area Gathering - Phoenix, Arizona - April 1, 2012

*Chairman John Barrett and Roy Melot. Roy is the eldest person present at the age of 97. He lives in Gilbert, Arizona.*



*Dylan Vericker and Cole Schemel, Larry Watson's great nephews, are descendants of the Bergeron and Barshaw families.*

*Connie and Bob Giffin of Wittmann, AZ assisted at the registration. Connie is a descendant of the Melott family.*



*The youngest tribal member present was Daniela Valencia, who will be three years old this fall. She is shown with her father, George Valencia of Glendale, AZ. They are descendants of the Bourassa family.*

*Chris Bowman of Safford, Arizona is a descendant of the Holloway family.*



*The meeting at the Desert Botanical Garden in Phoenix, Arizona was enhanced by a beautiful, sunny day.*

*Chairman John Barrett told the Phoenix TAG attendees about the tremendous progress their Nation is making.*



*Bob and Rainy Kritkauskay of Chandler, Arizona. Bob is a descendant of the Wall and Vieux families.*







Conner and Collin Liles live in Queen Creek, AZ and are the grandchildren of Bobby Liles. The Lileses are descendants of the Pambogo family.

Molly Fincher, five year-old daughter of Clay Fincher, lives in Temp, Arizona and is a descendant of the Gregson family.



District #5 Rep. Gene Lambert and Susan Sanders. Susan is from Queen Creek, Arizona and is the wife of tribal member Monty Sanders.

Bob and Carol Denton with daughter Shauna Gappmayer and granddaughter Kaitlin. Bob is a descendant of the Bourassa family.



Lloyd 'Sonny' Neal (seated) of Phoenix and Cathy Short and son Christopher Short of Goodyear, AZ. Sonny descends from the Greemore family; Cathy and Chris are descendants of the Francour family.



Tracey Gentry and her father Lloyd "Sonny" Neal live in Phoenix, Arizona and are descendants of the Greemore family.

Emma, Luther, and Lee Wheeler reside in Higley, Arizona. Emma and Luther are descendants of the Tescier family. Emma won a drawing for the table decorations.



Jamie Melot Lawrence won the prize for traveling the longest distance - from Tacoma, Washington.



There were smiles alla round as Vice Chairman Linda Capps posed with Chris Bowman of Safford, Arizona.



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*Peggy Kinder and her mother Elizabeth Hancock of Gladstone, Missouri are descendants of Bourassa family.*



*District #4 Rep. Theresa Adame, Janet Pearl, Sister Virginia Pearl, District #1 Rep. Roy Slavin, and Chairman John Barrett. Janet Pearl traveled the longest distance from Parma Heights, Ohio. Sister Virginia Pearl was the "wisest" tribal member in attendance.*

*Julia Slavin, wife of District #1 Rep. Roy Slavin, Dominick Adame, husband of District #4 Rep. Theresa Adame, and Sister Virginia Pearl.*



*Verna Brooks and Michael Riggs are both descendants of the Slavin family. Verna lives in Shawnee, Oklahoma and Michael lives in Amazon, Missouri.*

*Lenny and Laura Weinstein of Kansas City, Missouri with friends Sheila Von Geyso and Mark Sampsel. Laura is a descendant of the Bourassa family.*



*The youngest tribal member in attendance was four year-old Matthew Baker. He and his mother Jessica live in McLoud, Oklahoma and are Slavin descendants.*



*Chairman John Barrett and District #1 Rep. Roy Slavin visit about the traditional ceremony.*



*Vice Chairman Linda Capps and Jacqueline Farr. Jacqueline lives in Warsaw, Missouri and is a descendant of the Melott family. She attended the meeting with her husband, Robb.*



*Sandra and Dan Bentch of Independence, Missouri. Sandra is a descendant of the Ogee and Bourassa families.*

*Jacqueline Farr has a question from the floor at the end of the meeting.*



## 2012 CPN Family Reunion Festival Interview Schedule

### FRIDAY, JUNE 29

8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. - All Veterans & Family Interviews in Studio

### SATURDAY, JUNE 30

#### STATION 1

Anderson 8:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.  
Bertrand 9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.  
Ogee 11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.  
Toupin 12:30 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.  
Yott 1:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

#### STATION 2

Beaubien  
Bourbonnais  
Pettifer  
Wano

### SUNDAY, JULY 1

8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. - All Veterans & Family interviews in Studio



*Several attendees wait in line to visit with Chairman Barrett after the meeting.*



**Tara Gordon earns field hockey scholarship, con't. from page 18**

already done just looking back at the heritage. "It was kind of cool with my family because the land that they had, they gave it to Notre Dame University and my dad went to Notre Dame."

There was no chance to carry on the family legacy at Notre Dame, seeing as they don't have field hockey, she will have the opportunity to carry on the Citizen Potawatomi Nation heritage in the sport.

Congratulations to these outstanding athletes, their parents and coaches as they take their athletic endeavors to the next level. And, Tara Gordon's 30,000-member Citizen Potawatomi family wishes her tremendous success in her field hockey pursuits and even more in the classroom.



*CPN member Tara Gordon is on her way to the academically rigorous Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois on a field hockey scholarship.*

**Zach Brunt's Passing leaves gaping hole, con't. from page 5**

Lorraine Siggins said her department offers students support in cases of loss, grief and trauma, among other circumstances.

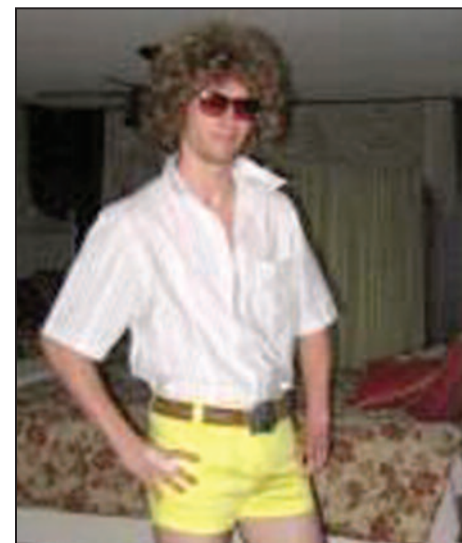
**Coping with the Tragedy**

While Yale has made resources available to the entire community, the communities that Brunt was part of are also looking to each other for support. A member of the Yale Drop Team, Brunt had been slated to fly to Houston, Texas, with four other students and a faculty adviser, Stephen Irons, on Thursday, the day after his passing, to take part in a zero-gravity experiment sponsored by the NASA. Friends said Brunt had become increasingly stressed in recent weeks as the project took up large portions of his time. "After we learnt of Zach's death, we all felt like maybe there was some way we could have known what was going on, but we didn't," Irons said. "[His death] shocked us all. We all felt a little numb."

Though the trip was cancelled in the wake of the tragedy, Irons said the team intends to continue the project and complete the zero-gravity flight over the summer or early next year as a way of honoring Brunt and his contribution to the team. Team leader Joe O'Rourke ('12) said the project was far ahead of where it normally would be prior to a flight, largely because of Brunt's hard work. Irons said Brunt had spent "a lot of time" working on the project, and two team members interviewed said they felt the project had progressed well throughout this semester.

Physics Department Chair Meg Urry said the physics community was "shocked and horrified" to learn of Brunt's death. She said professors in the department are working to help students cope with the tragedy. "Everyone is devastated," Urry said. "Like everybody else, we're trying to think of how we could have prevented this. It's just an awful thing."

Those who were touched by Brunt's life expressed hope that others would learn from his death. At the vigil, Schottenfeld recalled seeing Brunt hold the door open for his classmates at the start of the year while



*At top, Zach Brunt sports a pair of short shorts in the rather bright neon colors for which he was famous. In the middle photo, students at a vigil for Zach at his high school wear neon-hued apparel to honor his spirit. At bottom, his Yale classmates honor Zach.*

simultaneously introducing himself to all of them. Schottenfeld said he wishes Brunt had "let us hold open the door for him, too."

Though he said he had not planned to make a statement, Brunt's father Charles spoke briefly about his son's love of Davenport and Yale at the end of the vigil. He finished with an appeal to those gathered. "This is too good of a place, and you guys are too good," Charles Brunt said. "Please don't let this happen again."

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Family Reunion Festival  
June 29 & 30 and July 1, 2012**



*Festival 2012 will be a weekend filled with family, fun, and heritage.*



**Festival Activities**

- On-line Registration
- Dancing - Archery
- Youth Arts & Crafts
- Health Screenings
- Voting - Petting Zoo
- Cultural Heritage Center
- Family Archives
- Potawatomi Language
- Potawatomi Namings
- Swimming/Vets Meeting
- General Council
- Gourd Dancing
- Grand Entry
- Church Services
- Sacred Heart Tour
- Volleyball - Horseshoes
- Fry Bread Competition
- Checkers - Chess
- Dominoes
- Traditional Hand Games
- Golf - Night Golf
- 3-on-3 Basketball

**2012 Reunion Families**  
Anderson, Beaubien, Bertrand, Bourbonnais,  
Ogee, Pettifer, Toupin, Wano, Yott

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*Grand Hotel & Resort (left), The Bowling Center at FireLake (center), and the south Shawnee branch of First National Bank are just three of many improvements and additions that are enhancing the entrepreneurial presence of YOUR Citizen Potawatomi Nation!*

**Attention CPN Veterans**

All Citizen Potawatomi Nation veterans are encouraged to contact Stacy Coon at the CPN Cultural Heritage Center. Stacy's contact information is Stacy.Coon@Potawatomi.org, 405-275-3121, or 800-880-9880. We would like to ensure that Stacy and, therefore, Veterans Organization members know when CPN veterans have been hospitalized or have experienced a death in the family. This allows us to respond more quickly and appropriately to that veteran's needs.